

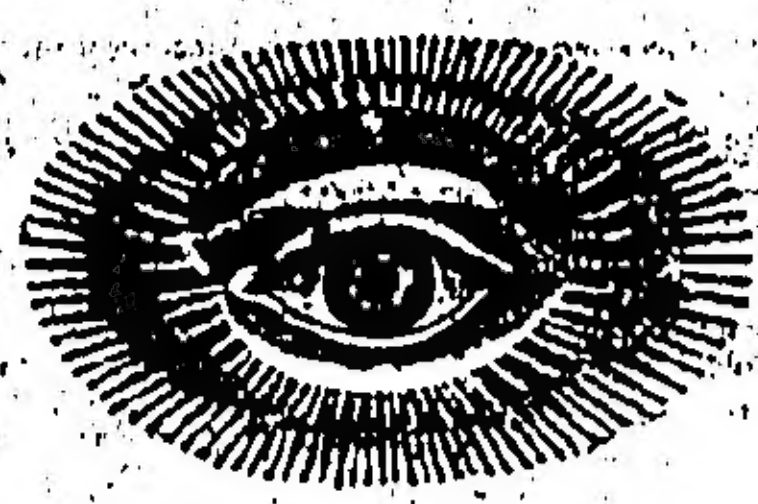
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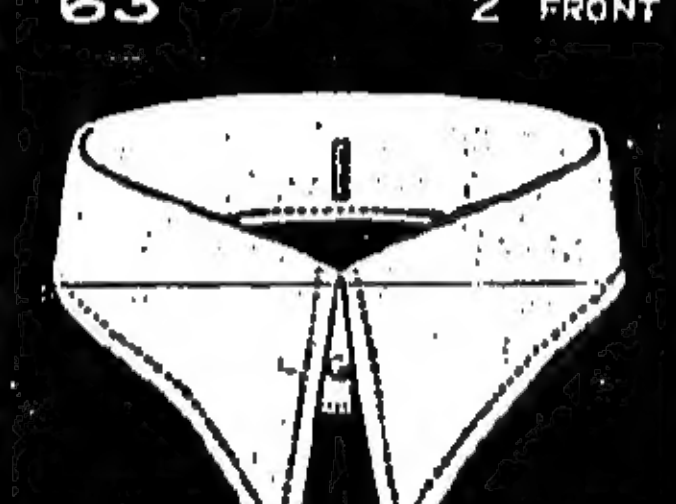
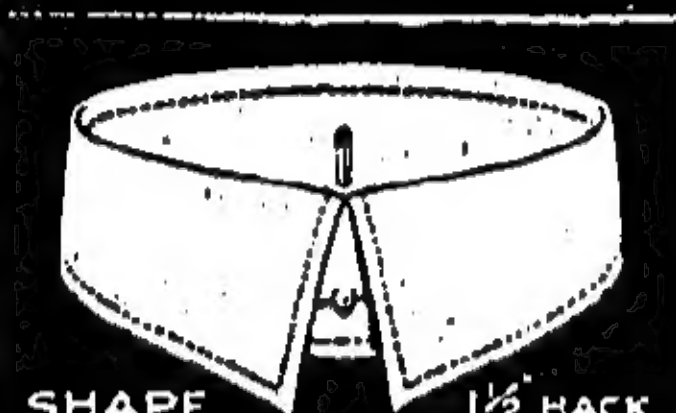
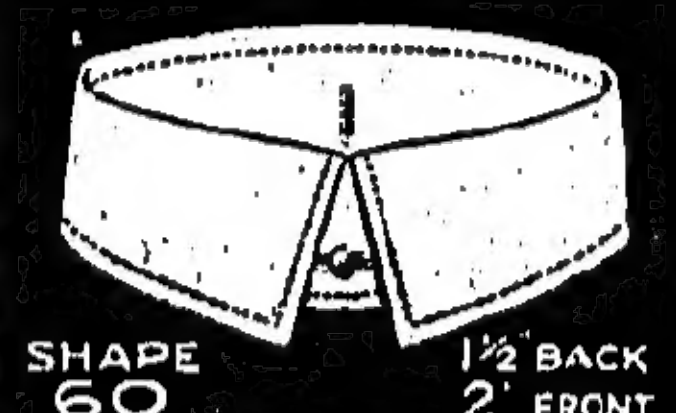
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HANKOW'S DANGER.

Chiang Preparing For
Attack.

LOYAL TROOPS ON MOVE.

Hankow, April 29.
It is reported that the 8th Nationalist Army which retreated from the Hopen front on the advance of the Fengtien troops is being replaced by the 11th Army. Officers of the 8th Army are not loyal to the Southerners.
The local situation remains the same.—British Naval Wireless.
[Note: The 8th Army is commanded by General Tang Seng-chi who resigned his appointment as associate commander-in-chief of the Hankow forces because he failed to get a vote of confidence.]
Operations Against Hankow.
Kiu-kiang, April 29.
More troops loyal to General Chiang Kai-shek have arrived from down-river to strengthen those already here to act as the base of operations against the Hankow party.
Otherwise there are no new developments.—British Naval Wireless.

White Flag Mystery.
Nanking, April 29.
Whatever the significance of the white flag, it continues to fly above the Southerners' gun entrenchment on Lion Hill and the Northerners' guns on the north bank continued to fire on Lion Hill and Chikwan this afternoon, Lion Hill replying with about twenty rounds in the direction of Pukow.—British Naval Wireless.

Yang Sen Again.
Chungking, April 29.
Preparatory to a drive northwards, Southern troops are massing in large numbers here.
In the absence of evacuated foreigners, their buildings are being used as billets, and some looting is reported.—British Naval Wireless.
[Note: Chungking is in Szechuan province, and is the furthest Treaty port up the Yangtze. General Yang Sen (of Wansien notoriety) is in control there. A few months ago, he made an unsuccessful sally on the Hankow Party.]
Shanghai, April 29.
The situation here and in the Yangtze area appears to be quiet, with no further developments of any note.—British Naval Wireless.

"GROSS FORGERY."
Reds and Seized Peking Documents.

Moscow, April 29.
The Secretariat of the Executive of the Communist International describes the documents seized in the Peking Legation as a gross forgery for the purpose of inciting the public against the Soviet.—Reuter.

WAR ON REDS.
Co-operation Between Canton & Nanking.

General Chiang Kai-shek has circulated a telegram in the name of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang announcing that he has issued instructions to his colleagues and subordinates to keep a close watch for and on the Communists.
He promises to assume full responsibility for the suppression of the Communists and guarantees not to let them get out of control.
General Li Chai-sum, commander of the 4th Army and Commissioner of Defence for Kwangtung province, has telegraphed to the Nanking Government denouncing the Communists for their crimes. General Li Chai-sum congratulates the authorities at Shanghai (reports the "N. C. Daily News") on their timely action in suppressing the Communists and curbing their activities, and he promises, in conclusion, to support any anti-Communist movement which may be initiated.
Canton's Promise.
General Li Chai-sum, in a telegram to General Chiang Kai-shek and to General Pei Chung-hsi, says that he has adopted every possible measure to prevent rioting by the Communists and counter-revolutionaries and promises to maintain peace and order in the territory which he controls.
The Shanghai branch of the Kuomintang held a dinner party

FIRST SEA LORD.

Sir C. Madden Succeeds
Beatty.

FAMOUS SAILORS' CAREERS.

London, April 29.
Sir Charles Madden, succeeds Admiral Beatty on July 7.—Reuter.
Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty, O.M., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., D.S.O., who distinguished himself greatly in the war, receiving for his services an earldom and a grant of £100,000, has been first Sea Lord since 1919. Son of Captain D. L. Beatty, or Borodol Co. Wexford, he entered the Navy in 1884, becoming a Commander in 1898, Rear Admiral in 1910, Vice Admiral in 1915, Admiral in 1919, and Admiral of the Fleet the same year. Admiral Beatty served in the Sudan



Earl Beatty.

1896, 1897, 1898 (D.S.O. despatches, medal 4th class Medjidie, and promoted Commander); served in China, 1900 (despatches, medal, clasp, and promoted Captain) and served in the European war 1914-1915 (despatches and K.C.B.); for the Battle of Jutland Bank, 1916 (despatches and K.C.V.O.), commanded the 1st Battle Cruiser Squadron from 1912-1916 (G.C.B.), and Grand Fleet 1916-1919. Lady Beatty is the only daughter of the late Mr. Marshall Field of Chicago.



AD. SIR C. E. MADDEN

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Charles Edward Madden, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., was Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet from 1915 to 1922. Son of the late Captain J. W. Madden, Royal Sussex Regiment, he was Fourth Sea Lord of the Admiralty 1910-1911; Rear Admiral in the Home Fleet 1911-1912; Rear Admiral commanding the 3rd and 2nd Cruiser Squadrons in the Home Fleet 1912-1914; Vice Admiral 1914; and Admiral of the Fleet 1924. Sir Charles Madden served at the Battle of Jutland Bank in 1916, being mentioned in despatches. He was Chief of Staff to the Admiral Commanding in Chief 1914-1916, second in command of the Grand Fleet 1917; First and Principal Naval A.D.C. to the King 1922-1924; and Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet 1919-1922. Sir Charles Madden is a brother-in-law of Admiral Earl Jellicoe, having married Miss Constance Cayzer, sister of Lady Jellicoe. Sir Charles Madden, who is a specialist in gunnery, received a baronetcy and a grant of £10,000 for his services in the war.

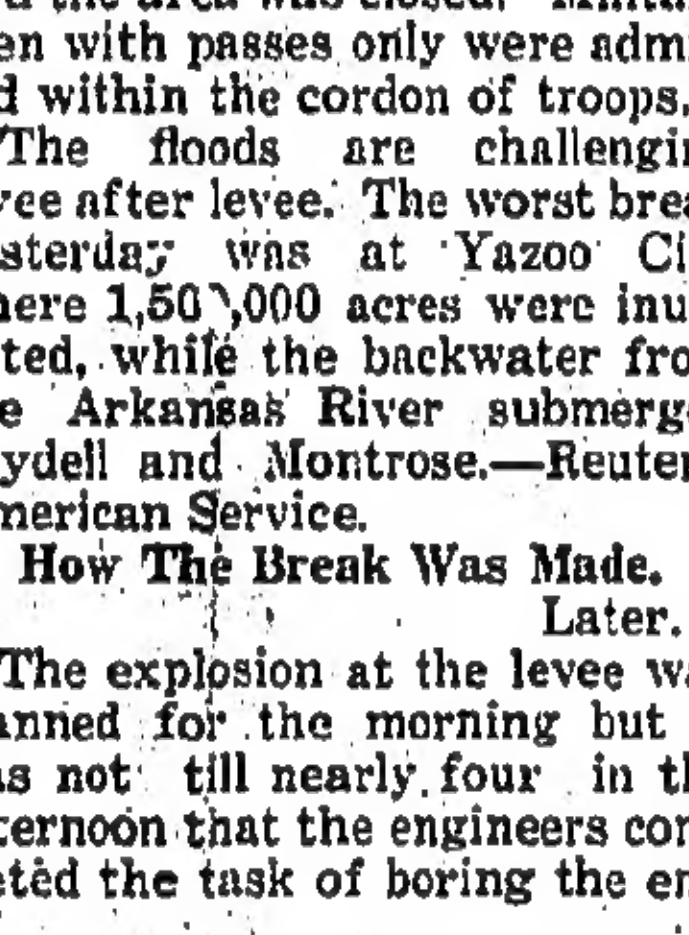
In honour of a party of local journalists.
In the course of a speech, Mr. Huang Hui-ying, the chairman, explained the reasons for the action of the Kuomintang in severing relations with the Communists and the Nationalist Government at Hankow.
The Communists, he said, were admitted to the party on the explicit understanding that they would abide by the Three Citizens Principles of the late President Sun Yat-sen, who suggested, (Continued on Page 7).

FLOOD PERIL.

Efforts to Save New
Orleans.

BREACH MADE IN LEVEE.

New Orleans, April 29.
The Mississippi levee was successfully dynamited this afternoon at Poydras, fifteen miles below New Orleans, with a view to saving the city from the floods.—Reuter's American Service.
Serious Break.
Later.
Shortly before dawn armed soldiers were patrolling the levee and national guards spread out in fan formation finally to warn the recalcitrant inhabitants to abandon their homes. Three hours before noon all roads were cleared and the area was closed. Military men with passes only were admitted within the cordon of troops.
The floods are challenging levee after levee. The worst break yesterday was at Yazoo City where 1,500,000 acres were inundated, while the backwater from the Arkansas River submerged Seydell and Montrose.—Reuter's American Service.
How The Break Was Made.
Later.
The explosion at the levee was planned for the morning but it was not till nearly four in the afternoon that the engineers completed the task of boring the em-



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bankment and arranging the dynamite and fuses.
Some 144 holes were made, each containing five pounds of dynamite. All the charges were simultaneously ignited by electricity.
A strip of the levee a thousand feet long was blasted away.
Great pieces of mud and rubble were thrown high in the air and columns of spray rose from the river. The noise was tremendous.
As the smoke cleared the flood waters were seen pouring over the broken levee into the surrounding country, converting the prosperous farmland into a sea of brown, swirling waters.—Reuter's American Service.
Muskrat Supply.
New York, April 29.
The fur trade fears a serious curtailment of the supply of muskrats as two of the richest muskrat producing districts in Louisiana will be inundated and many rats will be drowned. It will take several years to make up the number.—Reuter's American Service.

Breaking Site Chosen.
New Orleans, April 29.
Mr. Hoover and his party have returned aboard a government launch after selecting a site a hundred yards to the south of the Orange Grove Refining Company's premises and the Industrial Alcohol Distillery at Poydras as the place where the embankment is to be broken in at noon, in an effort to save New Orleans from flooding.
The party ridiculed the report that rifle shots had been heard at a distance fired at it by discontented farmers.—Reuter's American Service.

COLONIAL GOVERNORS.
Rugby, April 29.
Sir Alexander Ramsford Slater, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Sierra Leone, has been appointed Governor of the Gold Coast in succession to Brigadier General Sir Frederick Guggisberg whose term of office is about to expire.

Brigadier General Sir Joseph Aloysius Byrne, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Seychelles, has been appointed Governor, and Commander-in-Chief of Sierra Leone.—British Wireless Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.
The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 8/10.

WORLD PEACE.

American Statesman's
Speech.

BASELESS FEARS OF WAR.

Washington, April 29.
The immediate need for clear and binding compacts among the leading Powers "not to cripple reasonable defence but to abolish provocative armament" was emphasised by the former Secretary of State, Mr. Charles E. Hughes, the head of the American Delegation of the Washington Arms Conference in his presidential address to the American Society of International Law.
Mr. Hughes hoped the Geneva discussions would continue in



Mr. Charles E. Hughes.

spite of the discouraging results, but believed the three-Power naval limitation conference would prove entirely practical.
The United States, Britain and Japan were the only three great naval Powers, and war with Britain would mean not only the bankruptcy of statesmanship, but the collapse of civilisation, while the thought of war with Japan sprang from a nightmare of suspicion and doubts which could only be banished by sanity of action and expression of peaceful policies we cherished.
Mr. Hughes concluded by hoping that the League of Nations would remove the difficulties in the way of United States adhesion to the world court.—Reuter's American Service.

\$500 NOTES.
CHARGES OF WHOLESALE
FORGERY.

Allegations have been made by the Police that a Chinese was trying to sell 1,000 forged \$500 notes.
The Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Magistracy this morning with possession of one such spurious note.
Defending, Mr. G. R. Haywood applied for bail.
His Worship asked Det. Sub-Inspector F. W. Shaftain (attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs) if the prosecution had any objection.
Sub-Inspector Shaftain indicated that the Crown case was that defendant was actually arranging to sell a thousand false \$500 notes as forgeries. Evidence will be called, he continued, to show that defendant had been at a meeting to discuss the matter. His Worship, however, would be asked not to treat the case for committal, but to deal with it summarily.
Bail was refused.

RAIN TO-MORROW.
Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast reads as follows:—
From Hong Kong (and the south coast of China) to Formosa Channel.—Light, variable winds, fair at first, rain and fog later.
From Hong Kong (southwards) to Hainan Island.—S.E. winds, light to moderate.

Three Chinese cases of notifiable disease were reported yesterday, all from the city registration district. Two were of enteric fever (typhoid) and the other of small-pox.

STRIKING TRIBUTE.

Premier Praises Royal
Visitors.

"A STORY BOOK PRINCESS."

Rugby, April 29.
The Duke and Duchess of York left Melbourne to-day for Adelaide amid scenes of intense enthusiasm.
The Premier of Victoria has issued the following striking message:
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TRADES UNIONS.
LABOUR PARTY'S STRONG
CAMPAIGN.
"FIGHT TO BITTER END."
Rugby, April 29.
The Labour Party's campaign against the Trade Union Bill opened to-day when 600 delegates representing nearly 4,000,000 trade unionists met in conference in London.
By a coincidence it was the anniversary of the similar conference which last year decided on the general strike.
Discussion began on a resolution which declared that the enforcement of the provisions of the Bill "must inevitably lead to widespread and concentrated resistance on the part of the organised millions of trade unionists" and pledged the conference to continue the campaign against the Bill with the utmost vigour.
Mr. George Hicks, Chairman of the General Council of the Trades Union Congress, who presided, opened the debate. He declared that the trade union movement was in the greatest danger. "We desire to act in an open and constitutional manner. But we shall fight to the bitter end and defeat this mean and vindictive Bill."
It was then announced that notice had been given of an amendment recommending that if the Bill were persisted in a general strike should be called.
A motion by the Chairman that this amendment should be discussed was rejected by an overwhelming majority. The original resolution was subsequently adopted.—British Wireless Service.
Against A Strike.
London, April 29.
A T.U.C. conference, similar to the one which decided on the general strike just a year ago, has considered a resolution condemning the Trade Union Bill, pledging the conference to continue the campaign against it to the utmost.
The Conference by a large majority did not allow the moving of an amendment instructing the General Council to make all possible preparation to use the industrial weapon by a general strike if necessary and passed the original resolution.—Reuter.

HOLE IN BACK DOOR.
By making a hole in the back door, a thief broke into the ground floor of No. 44, Peltio Street, Shamshulpo, yesterday. A sum of \$188 in money was stolen.

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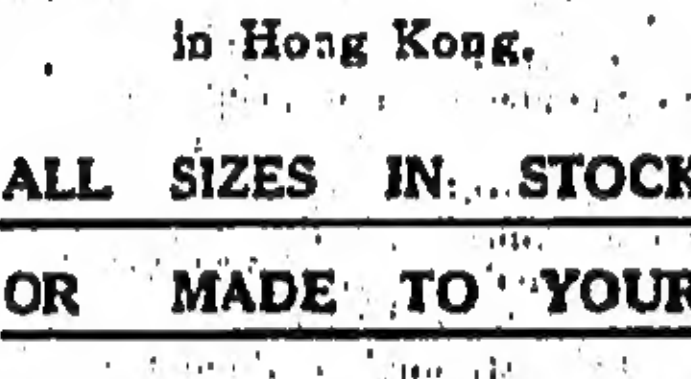
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Singapore, April 29.

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dividend).

Changkat Serdang, 15% final (to
date 35%).

Ulu Pandan 15% interim (to date
15%).

Batu Lintang 7 1/2% interim (to
date 7 1/2%).

Nellam 5% interim (to date
22%).

BRITAIN'S BURDEN.

Mr. Churchill on War Debts.

Mr. Churchill, the Chancellor of
the Exchequer, in a statement on
war debts in Parliament, said that
this year Great Britain should re-
ceive £12,750,000 in respect of
German reparations, including Bel-
gian war debts, and £9,500,000 in
respect of Allied war debts, or
£22,250,000 in all, and would pay
£33,000,000 to the United States.

Next year Britain should receive
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£33,000,000 to the United States.

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values, to cover our payments to
the United States, including those
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KAILAN DIVIDEND.

Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.,
agents for the Kailan Mining Ad-
ministration, have received advice
from Tientsin that at a meeting of
directors of the Chinese Engineer-
ing and Mining Co., Ltd., in Lon-
don, an interim dividend of one
shilling per share free of tax was
declared on account of the year en-
ding June 30, 1927, payable on May
6, 1927.

ITALY'S BALANCE OF TRADE.

The balance of Italian trade for
February this year shows an im-
provement over the same month in
1926, imports having diminished by
281,000,000 lire, and exports by
66,000,000 lire. For the two
months January and February,
1926, the excess of imports over ex-
ports amounted to 1,640,000,000 lire,
while for the corresponding period
this year the excess declined to
1,488,000,000 lire.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,087 will
be sold by the Public Works De-
partment, at auction, at 3 p.m.
Monday.

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Hong Kong, 16th February, 1927.

FRENCH SHIPPING.

GROWING SHARE OF EXPORT
TRADE.

TONNAGE MAINTAINED.

As usual, the annual report
drawn up by M. de Rousiers,
general secretary of the Central
Committee of French Shipowners
(Comite Central des Armateurs de
France), and presented to the
general meeting of the committee
held recently, provides a most in-
teresting and comprehensive ac-
count of the present condition of
the French Merchant Marine and
of the latest developments in the
French sea-borne trade.

The French merchant tonnage at
the present time aggregate 3,372,000
tons gross, against 3,360,000 tons
last year. The slight difference
occurring during the last few years
provide proof that French ship-
owners have not altered their
policy. In the course of 1926,
173,209 tons of steamers were ad-
ded to the French merchant fleet,
while the total tonnage of steamers
broken up or sold to foreign firms
was only 117,526. Laid-up vessels
now aggregate 155,491 tons as com-
pared with 216,005 tons in 1926.
One may wonder, M. de Rousiers
adds, whether such improvement is
due to particular events in 1926,
or to more general causes. Any-
how, it is noteworthy that the per-
centage of laid-up vessels in Britain
is much lower than the average
world figures, which is about 10 per
cent. The laying-up of the 5,000-
000 tons of vessels owned by the
U.S. Shipping Board is exerting a
notable influence on this average
percentage.

Drop in Exports.

The total tonnage of goods ex-
ported from or imported to French
ports, which was 40,000,000 in 1925,
dropped to 38,192,375 tons for
1926.

France is not the only country in
which a setback is shown. M. de
Rousiers points out from the
statistics of the Suez Canal that
the total tonnage of goods passing
yearly through the canal aggre-
gated only 25,409,000 tons for
1925, as compared with 26,578,000
tons for 1924, and 25,776,000
tons for 1923. On the other
hand, the total tonnage of
vessels passing through the
canal has shown a marked in-
crease, passing from 27,737,180
tons gross for 1913 to 28,610,922
tons for 1922, then to 30,909,905
tons for 1925 and 36,385,575 tons
for 1926. This is a striking demon-
stration of the fact that vessels
passing through the Suez Canal
have smaller cargoes since the war
than before the war.

M. de Rousiers expressed fears
that a similar disproportion be-
tween increased tonnage of vessels
and a decreased tonnage of goods
conveyed would be also observed in
shipping in general, and he ad-
ded: "The crisis through which the
world's shipping trade has been
passing since 1920, is but the re-
flection of a far more severe crisis,
being the sad inheritance of five
years of war, that is felt the world
over, and which results in a general
fall in production and in exchanges.
The over sixty million tons of sea-
going vessels now existing in the
world would not exceed the require-
ments of the sea trade if it had
shown the same rate of progression
as formerly."

Fluctuation of Freight Rates.

Passing to the fluctuation of
freight rates, M. de Rousiers al-
luded to the slight improvement that
was observed from May, 1926, but
that was only of a temporary
character, being due to the strike
of miners in Great Britain. As re-
gards the long-expected revival of
the shipping trade, M. de Rousiers
states that there are not yet definite signs
of a recovery, and France's chief
hope lies in the growing share
taken by the flag in the national
sea-borne trade.

M. de Rousiers made the fol-
lowing very interesting statement: "If
the French Merchant Marine was to
rely only upon the business
arising from the home trade, it
would be compelled either to re-
duce its services to a wide extent,
or to impose on shippers and home
importers higher freight rates than
those quoted by foreign competi-
tors. To offer to the latter regu-
lar services, with frequent periods
of under similar conditions of freight
rates as foreign lines, it has been
necessary for the most enterprising
French shipowners to strongly
establish themselves abroad, not
only at Antwerp and at Hamburg,
and at Baltic ports."

This obligation to take a grow-
ing share in the foreign trade in
order to be in a position to give
efficient service to the French trade
should be pointed out to the
Government at a time when the
situation of national finances pre-
vents them from granting subsidies
to French shipowners, as an en-
couragement.

The Geneva Agreement.

Regret is further expressed by
M. de Rousiers in connection with
the fact that Parliament has not yet
ratified the Geneva Convention of
1924, in the elaboration of which
French representatives took a pro-
minent share, and which afford a

WARNING TO OPTIMISTS.

Lord Morris and Nation's
Wealth.

"People who argue that the coun-
try is all right and that conditions
to-day are exactly the same as ob-
tained after the Napoleonic wars
are greatly mistaken," said Lord
Morris, addressing the Nottingham
Business Men's Club. After
Waterloo, said Lord Morris, the
population was only 15,000,000 and
self-supporting. To-day we pro-
duced no more food than a century ago,
although the population was
30,000,000 more. Although the
war ended nearly nine years ago,
ago, the only reduction of debt had
been effected through the disposal
of great quantities of war
material.

We had lost the leadership in the
iron and steel industries and were
being undersold in others by coun-
tries whose currencies were depre-
ciated. It was vital that the true
position of affairs should be known
among all classes. Whilst we
budgeted to-day for £850,000,000,
compared with £200,000,000 in 1914,
we were exporting only half as
much as before the war. Our
national income last year was
£4,000,000,000, and that out of
this £1,400,000,000 were spent in
luxuries.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has
been obtained by aid of the Tide-
predicting Machine, which in-
cludes 40 components for the bet-
ter prediction of tides, from the
result of the analysis of the tidal
observations, taken at the
Kaulung tidal observatory under
the direction of Dr. Doberck dur-
ing the years 1887, 1888, & 1889.

The times and heights are given
for Kaulung; but they may be
used for the Victoria Naval yard
and Aberdeen, the differences
being very small.

The times of high and low-
water must not be considered to
coincide with the times of slack-
water and change of current, the
two phenomena being quite
distinct.

April 29 to May 5, 1927.

DATE HIGH WATER LOW WATER

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E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent

Hong Kong Station, April 28.

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List of Unclaimed Telegrams lying in "E. Telegraph Office, Hong Kong.

Rogovi, from Paris.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent

Hong Kong, 28th April, 1927.



NOTICES.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS' GUILD and MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

A COMBINED MEETING will be held at the Guilds' Offices 57, Des Voeux Road, Central on Sunday 1st May, 1927 at 10.30 a.m. Business Important.

W. J. STOKES,
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OWING to unavoidable circumstances my home leave has been postponed for two months or so, but Mr. Frank Goodwin's Power of Attorney will be effective from the date of my departure.

L. J. BLACKBURN,
Engineer & Manager.
Hong Kong, 29th April, 1926.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CLUBS in Membership are reminded that all suggested additions, Alterations or Amendments to the Rules of the above League must be sent in to the undersigned not later than MAY 1ST, in accordance with League Rule 25.

W. E. HOLLANDS,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th April, 1927.

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The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th May, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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Matins (11 a.m.)
Preacher: Rev. W. R. Cannell.
Holy Communion (12 noon).
Evangelist (6 p.m.)
Preacher: Rev. Hyde Gosselin, R.N.

A Social Gathering will be held in the Cathedral Hall after Evensong. Music & Light Refreshments.
Tuesday, May 3, 6 p.m. C.E.M.S. Meeting.

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Sunday Services May 1st.

Morning 10.30.

Hymns 41, 317, 549, 376.

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Publican" by B. Van de Water and

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Service at 6 p.m.

Hymns 318, 272, 437, 675.

Antiphon: "Oh Love The Lord."

Subject: "The Still, Small Voice."

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"The signs of approaching death."

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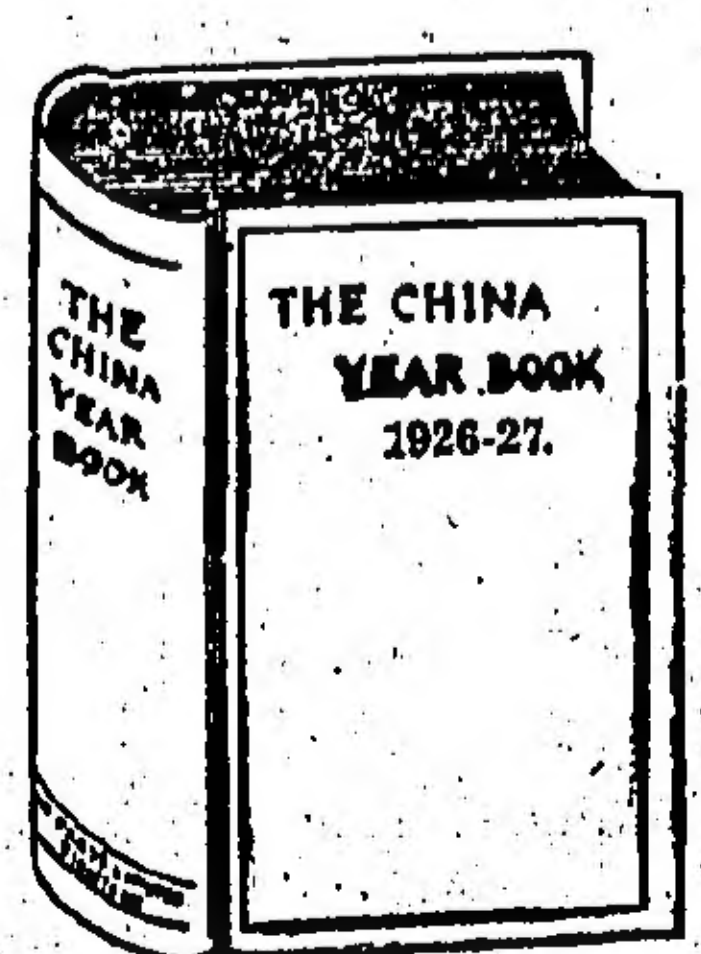
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"The Law of Brotherhood" was the subject chosen by Mr. H. E. Lanepart for his address on Thursday at the weekly public meeting of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society. An extract of his remarks follows:—

To the Theosophist, human brotherhood without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour is not an ideal hope for the future, but a fact in nature, a natural law from which there is no escape, as all manifestation of life on earth has its source in the one existence, and the denial of brotherhood to one portion of the one existence, merely because it is clad in a separate physical form, is a denial of the one existence in ourselves which inevitably results in limitations and suffering.

Climax of Involvement.

The universe is the body of the manifested God, and the one existence voluntarily submits to the limitation of form, in order to unfold it throughout the millennia to self-conscious divine perfection.

In proportion as the primordial divine matter is split up by the will of the Logos into fragments, it becomes dense; and atoms and combinations of atoms appear. Its sensitiveness lessens, it becomes progressively rigid and finally no longer responds to the divine Life animating it, thus reaching the climax of involvement, the descent of spirit into matter.

Course of Evolution.

From then, in the long course of evolution, the return of matter into

Consciously to create a discordant vibration constitutes the crime of treason against humanity, whilst the creation of harmonious relations between man and man, of a nation and nation is a strict duty of all—for every infraction of the law of our Oneness, whether physical, moral, mental, spiritual or divine, disturbs the whole universe, and every collaboration with the law is a help to all.

Men's First Duty.

Therefore, our first duty is to fulfil the law of Brotherhood having one constant finality in view—the general perfection of all mankind—by help, by the far-sighted sacrifice of all for all, by sacrifice to the general good, by the sacrifice of the individual to the whole, that the God in all might manifest in ever greater degree and that thus all might be able to develop and exercise their divine nature.

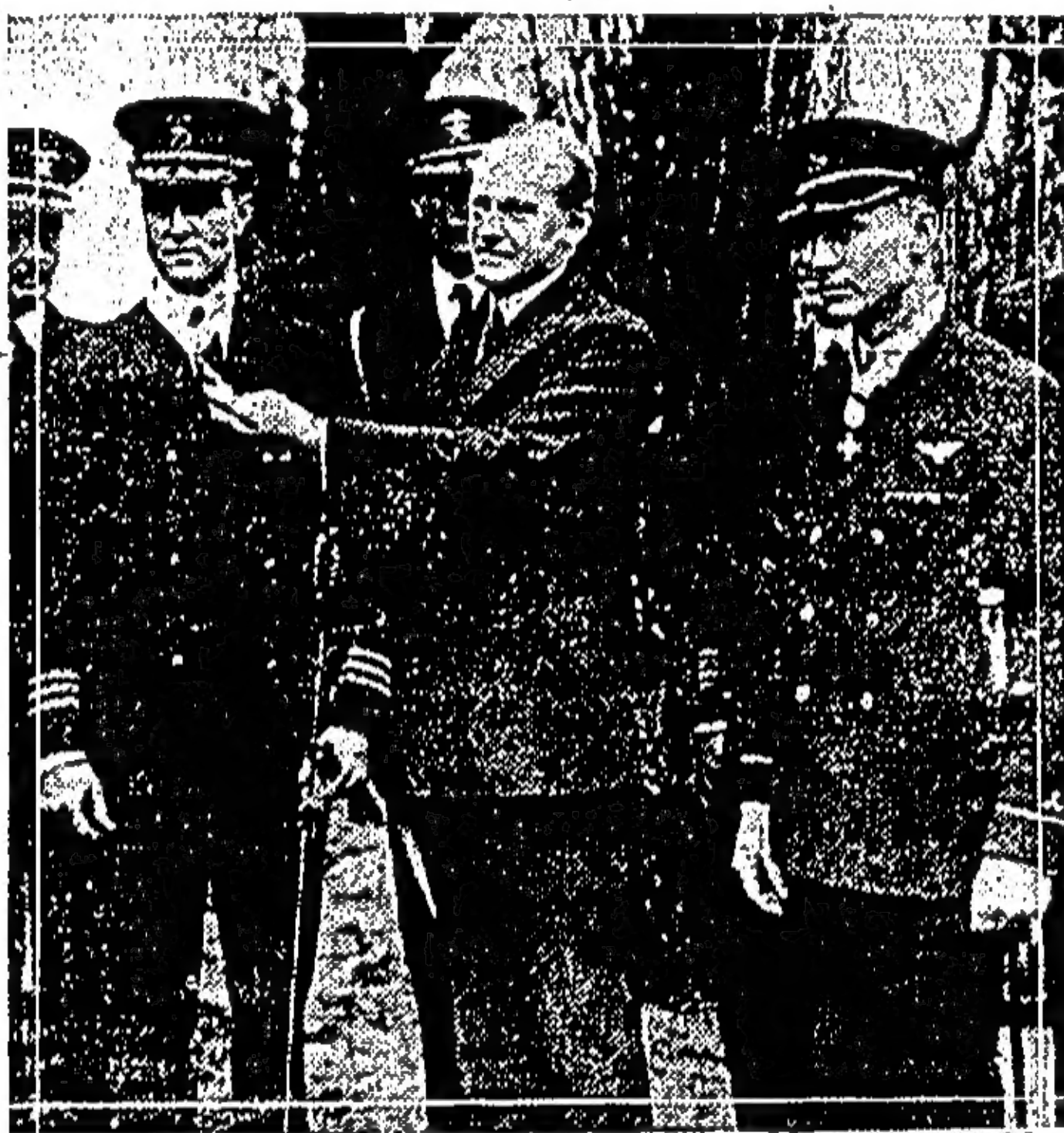
All men can reach the knowledge of their inseparable unity, by learning through purity and the practice of unity to vibrate in response to the qualities of the Logos, which are divine intelligence, divine law and divine power.

What Purity Should Be.

Purity must be physical moral and mental. It must embrace all the bodies of man and refine and render them sensitive to the higher perceptions, the inner life, the only reality.

In order to reach to the understanding of our unity, we should always have present in mind the idea that every man is a child of the infinite, a God in evolution, a younger or elder brother of God's family, and help him by thoughts of light, of love and power for wise action, to enable him the better to judge, the better to endure and to keep him from a spirit of revolt.

We must remember that nothing is ours, that all we possess is a gift



President Coolidge inspecting the congressional medal of honour, which he had just placed on the neck of Commander Richard E. Byrd as a reward for his aeroplane flight over the North Pole. On the right is Warrant Officer Floyd Bennett, his pilot, who received a similar award.

divine self-consciousness begins, till each portion of the immersed life again becomes one with the all-life, in the full glory of manifested and self-conscious divinity, the perfection of the father.

This is the final goal of all and every man, to become perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect.

So there is nothing in the differences of man, of the races and sub-races of mankind to prevent brotherhood.

Some have developed one side of human nature and some another.

Races and nations are classes in evolution of the divine nature of man.

Differences there certainly are in the unfolded powers of divine manifestation, but not superiority or inferiority in the divine essence itself.

What Theosophy Does.

The declaration of the unity of mankind makes an irresistible appeal to all thoughtful persons; it sounds the note for which the world is listening in the night of half-civilised cruelty.

Above the conflict of selfish interests, with might mistaken for right, with the strong crushing the helpless, Theosophy serenely sounds the note of brotherhood.

There are many conceptions of brotherhood, some based on mutual interests, upon race affinity, class distinctions, similarity of outlook and standards of life and now, a brotherhood of all English speaking nations of the world. But all these things are limitations.

Theosophy acknowledges no superficial distinctions, based on the changing form.

Human brotherhood is a law of nature and needs no outer condition as that of class, nation or race.

True Brotherhood.

True human brotherhood ever rests securely in the very essence and nature of man and God; and exists ever as a fact, and was into him that leaves the hidden law of the sacred unity of mankind out of sight.

We are all one, being inseparably bound to our brother's failure and success.

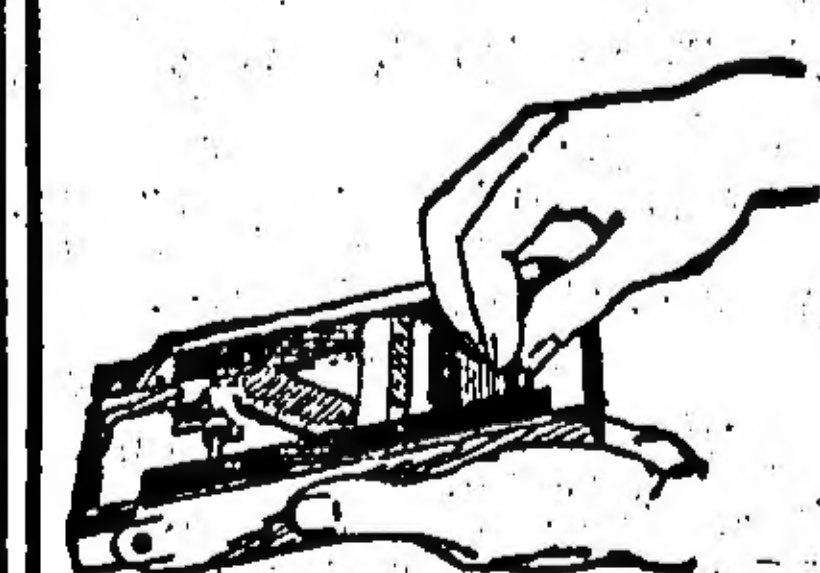
Every vibration caused by man moves the whole and adds to or detracts from the happiness or suffering of all.

from God; a loan we ought wisely to share with others. For it is necessary to be a brother before we can have brothers, and in proportion to the genuineness of our desire to be of service to others will the rewards of brotherhood come to us.

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S.S. "TJLEBOET."

SALVED AND DOCKED AT
TAKOO.

AN UNUSUAL SIGHT.

The Java-China-Japan Line s.s. "Tjleboet," which stranded on Ling Ting Island on Tuesday, April 5, was successfully salvaged, towed to Hong Kong and docked at Takoo Dockyard on Thursday night. Passing through the harbour between 6 and 8 p.m. on Thursday, the vessel (without her bows) presented an unusual sight having been cut off some 10 feet forward of the bridge. The forward part still lies on the rocks at Ling Ting Island and is so badly broken up with huge rocks right up through the bottom that there is no possibility of salvaging this portion.

Weather Against Work. Towage began at about 1.45 p.m., immediately the cutting by oxy-acetylene and blasting was completed. With the tug "Wanchow" leading and the "Tjleboet" and "Henry Keswick" towing on either side, good progress was made. The salvage of the "Tjleboet" has been a difficult and strenuous business. Continuous recurrence of bad weather repeatedly wrecked the temporary repairs completed by the salvors, and after each storm, the condition of the vessel became worse and the difficulty of salvage became increased. The storm of Thursday, April 21, came near to making a total wreck of the vessel and, at the height of the storm all but the captain and a few of the salvage party who refused to leave him, had to take to the rocks.

Trim and Stability. After the storm abated, it was found that the No. 1 and No. 2 holds as well as the cross bunker were wrecked and beyond salvage, and unfortunately the engine room was also holed and flooded.

A conference was held with the J.C.J.L. Superintendent, Mr. Post, Mr. Morrison, Lloyd's Surveyor and Mr. K. E. Greig (manager of the Takoo Dockyard) when it was decided that the only hope was to endeavour to get the engine room repaired and pumped out after which the vessel would have to be suitably ballasted, when the fore part could be cut off, after careful calculations were made by the Takoo Dockyard as to the trim and stability after cutting away the fore end.

Notable Piece of Work. The salvage constitutes a notable piece of work and is the first job of its kind to enter the port of Hong Kong. Great credit is due to the Takoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. whose salvage party under Mr. C. W. Brown of Takoo worked with so much skill and determination. Mr. Morrison, Lloyd's, was early on the job and on behalf of the underwriters, whilst Mr. Post, the Company's Superintendent Engineer from Batavia, was constantly, after his arrival, on the work and his optimism as well as the fine co-operation of Mr. Morrison, were of the greatest value during the operations. The Captain and Officers of the "Tjleboet" rendered all possible assistance.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benrinnes" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here on May 2.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Hong Kong passengers sailed from Hong Kong on April 29 by the "Empress of Asia" for Manila were:—

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. S. Beckman, Mr. Chui Tai, Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Carino, Miss A. Drake, Mr. & Mrs. R. Francisco, Mr. I. Francisco, Mr. A. S. Gray, Mrs. J. Gless, Mrs. M. W. Hasselmann, Mr. F. C. Hagedorn, Miss L. D. Kirkness, Mr. & Mrs. G. K. Kjellberg, Mr. V. T. Manns, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. and the Misses Martinez, Miss J. B. McGeechie, Mrs. M. and Miss M. Neves, Mr. L. A. Ogly, Mr. D. Petrovitch, Mrs. M. V. Spotswood, Mr. Sin Wing, Mr. Tan Chiang-say, Mr. P. L. Tsui, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Walker.

N.Y.K. STEWARDS' STRIKE.

Tokyo, April 23.

The N.Y.K. cooks and stewards' strike, which had practically ended yesterday, has broken out again as a result of the Company having allegedly decided to dismiss 72 of the men whom it considered the prime movers of the strike. The news of the alleged intention is supposed to have leaked out accidentally and was broadcast by radio, upon which the men who were to have returned to work to-day decided to resume the strike tomorrow unless the company announced the cancellation of any such intention.

EASTERN PORTS' HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended April 23 reads:—

Plague: 6 cases at Basselin, 1 at Bombay, 1 at Rangoon, 2 at Colombo. Cholera: 1 case at Bombay, 137 at Calcutta, 3 at Rangoon, 9 at Bangkok, 80 at Haiphong, 26 at Saigon.

Small-pox: 80 cases at Bombay, 191 at Calcutta, 6 at Madras, 50 at Rangoon, 1 at Vizagapatnam, 2 at Bangkok, 2 at Macao, 7 at Canton.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benmohr" are reminded to take delivery of their goods before May 3. Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Forresterbank" are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after May 3 will be subject to rest. Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Min" are reminded by the Agent that all claims will not be recognised after May 9.

To-morrow at 10.30 a.m., the local branches of the China Const Officers' Guild and Marine Engineers' Guild of China hold a combined meeting at No. 67, Des Voeux Road Central.

A Chinese passenger who arrived from Vancouver yesterday by the "Empress of Asia" has been arrested and charged with the possession of 3,000 rounds of revolver ammunition.

"THE WIDGEON."

AUSTRALIAN BUILT AMPHIBIAN'S TESTS.

Sydney: The amphibian aircraft, which was designed by Wing Commander Wackett, and built at the Federal Government Experimental Aircraft Works at Randwick, has satisfactorily passed all its tests, both as a water and land machine.

Commander Wackett flew the machine from the Mascot Aerodrome to Cockatoo Island, where it was inspected by the experts of the dockyard.

A proposal was submitted by Commander Wackett to the Director of the Naval Dockyard (Mr. R. Farquhar) that he should interest the Federal Government in the building of aircraft for defence purposes at Cockatoo Island, and as a result of the demonstration and interview the proposal is now under consideration.

Designer's View.

"The Widgeon," as an amphibian, is extremely easy of control," Commander Wackett stated.

He exercised the machine around the harbour, having on each flight three or four passengers.

He first flew from Mascot to Cockatoo Island, then back to Mascot, then to Port Hacking and from there to Lillipilli and back again to Mascot.

The apparatus, which enables the machine to alight on either water or land, is claimed to be equal to that used on the most effective British and American amphibian aircraft.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 12	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 13	July 16	July 19	July 22	July 24	July 31
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 12	Aug. 14	Aug. 21
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 4	Sept. 11
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Oct. 2
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.

"LA PLATA" MARU Friday, 6th May.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo. (Calling Port Elizabeth).

INDO MARU Saturday, 7th May.

CELEBES MARU Thursday, 10th May.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

MEXICO MARU Saturday, 30th April.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU Saturday, 30th April.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKKO MARU Saturday, 30th April.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Friday, 6th May.

HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAIKHOI.

TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 24th May.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

"HAGUE" MARU Saturday, 30th April.

(Omitting San Francisco).

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JAPAN PORTS

ALTAI MARU Friday, 13th May.

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NELLORE	8,863	14th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
JEYPORE	5,318	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NYANZA	7,023	26th May	S'pore, P'ang, Col'bo, B'bay & Karachi
MORFA	10,918	28th May	Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London
MANITUA	10,902	25th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACDONIA	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles & London

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TAKLAWA	10,000	8th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
SANTHIA	7,754	17th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,958	3rd June	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
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ARAFURA	6,000	29th July	Melbourne.

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TANDA	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
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KASHMIR	8,985	12th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MANITUA	10,902	26th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KALYAN	9,144	9th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe

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UNITED STATES.

MAIL ACT REVISION
PROPOSED.

A COMPREHENSIVE MEASURE.

Revision of the United States Ocean Mail Act of 1891 along the lines recently suggested by H. E. Frick, vice-president of the Export Steamship Corporation, has been embodied in a bill amending the act introduced by Senator Copeland of New York on February 11 and referred to the Senate Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. The amendment provides:

"That the Postmaster General is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into contracts, for a term of not less than five nor more than 10 years' duration, with American citizens for carrying the mails on American steam and motor ships, between ports of the United States and ports in foreign countries, the Dominion of Canada excepted, as in his judgment will best subserve and promote the postal and commercial interests of the United States, the mail service on such lines to be equitably distributed among the Atlantic, Mexican Gulf and Pacific ports. Such contracts shall be made with the lowest responsible bidder for the performance of said service on each route, and the Postmaster General shall have the right to reject all bids not in his opinion reasonable for the attaining of the purpose named."

Conditions for Ships.
Section 2 of the amending measure provides for the advertising of new contracts once a week for three months in advance in daily papers of the principal port cities. Section 3 provides that vessels covered by the terms of the act must be American-built steam or motorships, or at least registered under the laws of the United States not later than February 1, 1927, and owned and officered by American citizens, with a fixed proportion of the crew consisting of American citizens.

The vessels are to be divided into five classes, the first to have a gross register of not less than 20,000 tons and speed of 24 knots; the second to have a gross register of not less than 10,000 tons and speed of 20 knots; the third to have a gross register of not less than 8,000 tons and speed of 16 knots; the fourth to have a gross register of not less than 4,000 tons and a speed of 13 knots; and the fifth to have a gross register of not less than 2,000 tons and a speed of 10½ knots. Vessels of the first, second and third classes mentioned are to be built under supervision of the Navy Department with a view to prompt and economical conversion into auxiliary naval cruisers.

Compensation.
Section 5 of the Copeland amendment provides:
"The rate of compensation to be paid for such ocean mail service of the said first-class ships shall not exceed the sum of \$10 per mile, for the second-class ships \$8 per mile, and for the third-class ships \$4 a mile, by the shortest practicable route, for each outward voyage; for the fourth-class ships not to exceed \$2.50 a mile and for the fifth-class ships \$1.52 a mile for the actual number of miles required by the Post Office Department to be travelled on each outward voyage.
"Provided, that in the case of failure from any cause to perform the regular voyage stipulated for in said contracts, or any of them, a pro rata deduction shall be made from the compensation on account of such omitted voyage or voyages; and that suitable fines and penalties may be imposed for delays or irregularities in the due performance of service according to the contract, to be determined by the Postmaster General. Provided, further, that no steam or motorship so employed and so paid for carrying the United States mails shall receive any other compensation from the Treasury of the United States."
Provision is also made in the measure for the employment by mail-carrying vessels, as cadets or apprentices, of one American-born boy for each 1,000 tons gross register and one for each major fraction thereof, to be educated in the duties of seamanship, with the rank of petty officer and at a reasonable rate of pay.

The measure provides for determination of the rate of compensation to owners for vessels commandeered for transport or cruiser service.

COLONEL NELSON'S DEATH.
London, April 29.
Colonel Walter Gordon Nelson, Chief of the General Staff of the Aldershot Command, has died as the result of injuries consequent upon his horse stumbling and rolling on him.—Renter.

[Colonel Nelson was born in 1876, entered the Army in 1897, and served with distinction in the South African and European Wars.]

SHIPPING OUTLOOK.

LORD KYLSANT STATES HIS
VIEWS.

STILL MORE MOTORSHIPS.

The big part, if silent, played by British tramp tonnage in our general shipping prosperity was revealed by Lord Kysant, presiding at the 38th annual meeting of the King Line.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, he said:—It is always a privilege to preside at meetings of the King Line, as the company dates back to my early association with shipping, when, as a young man, I had the advantage of spending a number of years on the Clyde. Although it is called the King Line, because all the company's vessels are named after Historic Kings, the ships are not employed in any regular liner service, but are cargo vessels, commonly called "tramps," which go to any port in the world wherever and whenever a demand exists for the carriage of cargo at the most satisfactory rate of freight. This class of shipping business has done a great deal to develop the trade of the world and to lay the foundation of the great British Mercantile Marine, without which this country could not exist.

The company owns 9 steamers, totalling over 75,000 tons deadweight, of an average age of under eight years. In order to keep abreast, and even ahead of the times, we are now having built for us at Belfast 9 motor cargo vessels, which, although considerably more costly to build than steamers, will, I hope and believe, prove to be so much more economical to run than their extra first cost will be more than counter-balanced and justified by the actual working results.

General Shipping Conditions.
When I addressed you at our last annual meeting I said that 1926 was probably one of the worst years for shipping that had been experienced in recent times. The first six months of 1926 were exceptionally bad one for tramp shipowners, but the demand in the latter half of the year for tonnage for the importation of coal into Britain benefited such vessels as were able to take advantage of that demand.

On the other hand the regrettable coal stoppage had the effect of increasing seriously the cost of bunkers, whilst the export of coal from British ports, which constitutes the backbone of tramp shipping, entirely ceased. First the general strike and then the coal strike brought the industry of the country almost to a standstill for 8 months, from the after effects of which the country is still suffering.

Since the termination of the coal stoppage this country's trade has been fairly satisfactory, as comparatively poor harvests on the Continent have ensured the demand for the large Argentine and Australian crops. Upon the whole, there are indications that trade will slowly, but steadily, develop.

New Tonnage.
The construction of our new motor vessels was much delayed by the coal strike, which made it impossible to obtain delivery of British steel, but the shipbuilders are now pressing forward with the work as rapidly as possible. We do not propose at the present time to issue the balance of the unused share capital of the company to provide the money required for the construction of these motor vessels, having arranged for a loan of £800,000 at 5 per cent. per annum, on a twelve years basis, to be made to us under the Loan Guarantee Act of the Government of Northern Ireland. We propose to repay what we did on a former occasion, viz: to repay this loan partly out of future earnings and, if necessary, by increasing the issued ordinary capital at a favourable opportunity.

Accounts.
The accounts indicate the strong financial position of the company.

CONSIGNEES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS,
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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 17th May, 1927 or they will not be recognized.

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Hong Kong, 26th April, 1927.

and do not call for special comment from me. After making provision for depreciation, there is a profit slightly in excess of that of the previous year. The board recommend the payment of a dividend making 6 per cent. for the year, less income tax, being the same rate of dividend as for 1925, and that the balance of £40,283 be carried forward. The reserve fund amounts to £250,000, equal to one-half the issued capital of the company. There are still very difficult times for British shipping, necessitating the utmost care and skill in running vessels. In this respect your managers give constant attention to the maintenance of the fleet in good condition and to its operation to the best advantage. Working costs, port charges, &c., are still unduly high.

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MARITIMES.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,

Agent.

Hong Kong, 29th April, 1927.

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

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June 1	Seattle	Leviathan	July 2	C'brg-S'hamptn July 8
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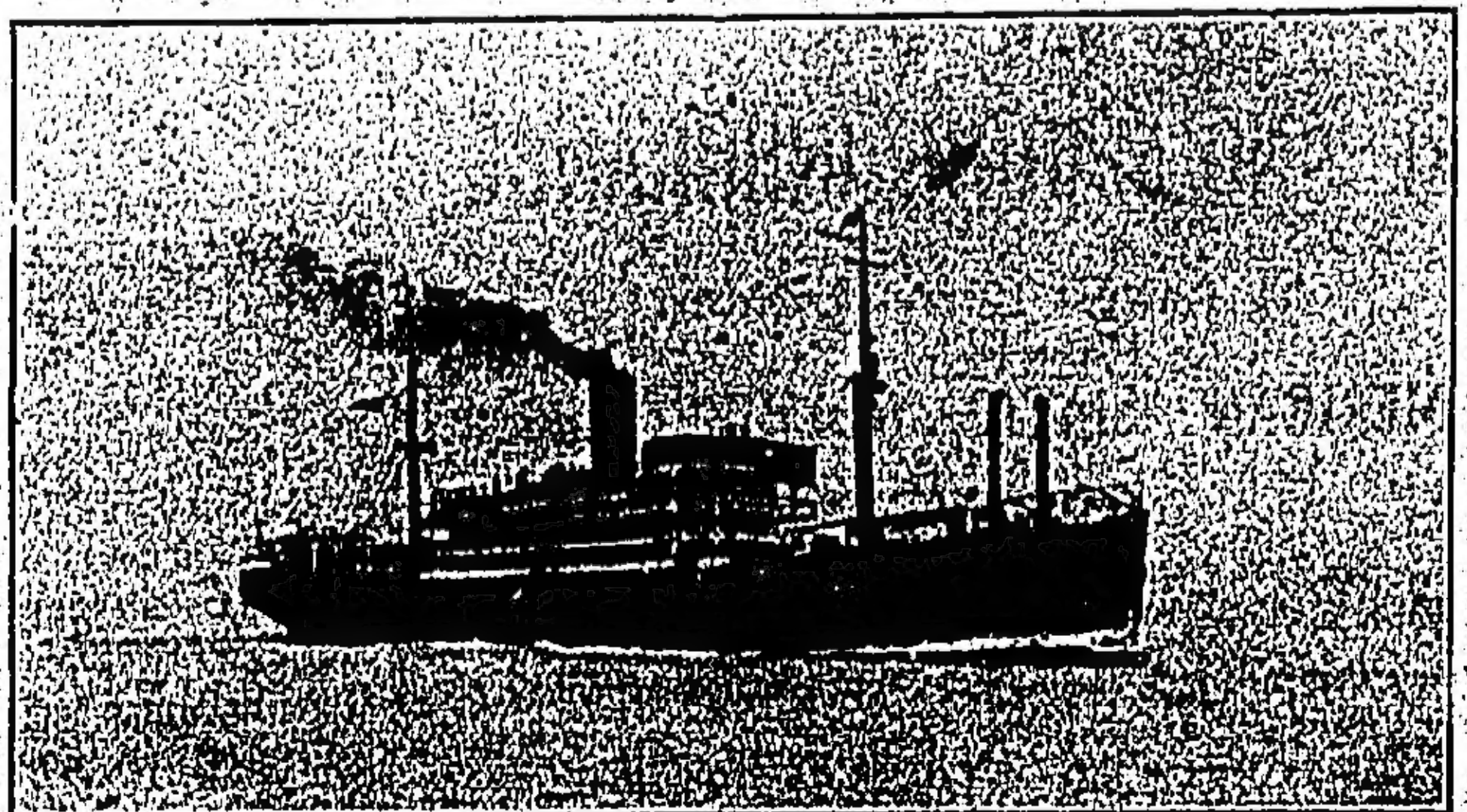
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MARRIAGES.

CLAXTON—MACGREGOR—On
April 22, 1927, at Victoria, B.C.,
Cecil, younger son of Mr. and
Mrs. Alfred Claxton, of Lon-
don, to Helen, youngest daugh-
ter of Mrs. A. MacGregor, of
the late Mr. R. MacGregor, of
Shanghai.

FERGUSON—DRUMMOND—On
April 23, 1927, at Shanghai,
Winifred Mary, daughter of the
late Mr. James Ferguson, to
William Johan Drummond,
eldest son of the late James
Drummond, Captain Superin-
tendent, N.Y.K., Tokyo, Japan.

CLAY—SHERIDAN—On April 23,
1927, at Shanghai, William
Samuel Clay, of Shanghai, to
Frances Gertrude Sheridan, of
Shanghai.

DEATH.

VAN REETH—On April 24, 1927,
at Shanghai, Franz Van Reeth,
aged 40 years.

Hong Kong, Saturday, April 30, 1927.

A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The measure of success which
has attended the work of the
Hong Kong University, as in-
dicated in the year's review, is
due to the loyalty of the students
and the keenness of the individual
members of the staff. These fac-
tors are the more encouraging
when it is borne in mind that the
uninterrupted pursuit of their
studies by the students has been
carried on during a transitional
period of China's history in re-
gard to which the students in
other parts have been anything
but a stabilising influence; and,
in the case of the University staff,
that their task has been rendered
the more difficult by financial
difficulties resulting in the lack of
facilities for necessary research
work. The University, as shown
in the annual report, receives the
generous support of the commer-
cial community, and it is difficult
during present conditions, at any
rate, to expect such bodies as the
Chambers of Commerce to do
more than they are already doing.
The financial problems of the
University which the Vice-Cham-
cellor, in his review, indicates
as having necessitated a "hand to
mouth" existence, would be solved
if the Boxer Indemnity Com-
mission adhered to the indication
previously given as to the pro-

posed lay-out of funds earmarked
for educational work in China.

According to the original
scheme, the Hong Kong Univer-
sity was to be the pivot, so far at
least as higher education was con-
cerned, of the educational system
which it was hoped that the In-
demnities would subsidise. A
glorious opportunity will have
been missed if there is any
change in the original plan as
might be read into the failure of
the Indemnity Commission to
visit Hong Kong in the course of
its recent investigation in China,
taken in conjunction with the re-
ference that "its claims should
receive the same consideration as
would be accorded other educa-
tional institutions in China." The
Hong Kong University is at the
moment, as the Vice-Cham-
cellor says, probably the only
University in this part of
the world which is carry-
ing on its work in peace and has
so carried on without interruption
or disturbance throughout the
storms of the past few years. It
is a unique institution which,
with adequate support, could do
much more than it is at present
able to do for the maintenance of
good understanding with the
neighbouring country of China
and for the strengthening in
China's national life much of
what is good in British education
and tradition.

The trouble with most motions
that have formed the subject of
local debates is that they are
phrased in somewhat ambiguous
terms. It is hardly likely that the
bachelors upon whom the young
men of St. Peter's Club sat in
judgment will be greatly pertur-
bed by the carrying of the resolu-
tion "That Bachelors Should Be
Taxed," but it would be interest-
ing to know exactly what was
meant by the resolution. Bache-
lors are already taxed in Great
Britain in that a married man
obtains certain concessions and
rebates in regard to income tax.
In so far as people are taxed
here in Hong Kong—through the
duties on tobacco, wines and other
drinks—the bachelor again, as
probably the greatest consumer,
pays the greatest tax! Was the
intention of the motion that these
indirect taxes on the bachelor
should be supplemented? If so,
to whom would it apply? At
what age would a single man
qualify as a bachelor? Would the
tax apply to the young man
scraping and saving in order that
he might make provision for mar-
riage, or again to the man whose
sole reason for remaining single
is that he has sufficient respon-
sibility in the maintenance of an
aged mother or the provision of
education for younger children?

Is a man to be penalised be-
cause he has yet to realise the
high ideal of womanhood on
which his heart is set? And what
about those bachelors who are
indifferent or constantly to

women who are dead or in some
other way lost to them? The
movers of the motion at the re-
cent debate would probably ex-
clude the above from their criti-
cism and concentrate on the
selfish man who could afford to
get married but who is too keen
on having a good time to do so.
But the opposition might, equal-
ly well, in the face of such quali-
fication of the motion, exclude
such extreme cases from the
scope of their defence. There
would then be little left to argue
about. It must be admitted that
the bachelor in some instances de-
liberately evades responsibility
and his duty to the State; but,
after all, he is a free agent. Per-
haps the strongest indictment
against the bachelor is that pro-
vided by history. "Bachelors
produce nothing, that is, of any
consequence," said a speaker at
the debate and certainly bache-
lors who have done great things
are rare indeed. The most subtle
philosophers, the most romantic
poets, the most exquisite com-
posers, the greatest explorers,
fighters and statesmen, have as a
rule found time to marry and
have not complained that the
Universe afforded them no mate.
History also offers an example of
more drastic treatment for bache-
lors than the imposition of taxes.
Early civilisations are said to
have placed in the forefront of
the battle those who were not
mated and discharging their duty
in regard to the future of the
race!

"MOTHER'S DAY."

OBSERVANCE AT EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

Following a custom which is be-
coming very popular at Home, the
European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, are
observing to-morrow as Mother's
Day.

Britishers are rather reticent on
matters most dear to us, comments
a writer in the "Red Triangle," but
this is an opportunity when we can
break through our national reserve
and thus do honour to one who
means so much to us.

We have Armistice Day; Hospi-
tality Day; Labour Day; Racing Days
and a host more, then why not re-
serve one day for one who has a
greater claim on us than most of
the other objects worthy of obser-
vation?

So let each member of our Asso-
ciation pay his homage to his
Mother on this day, realising that
nothing we can do or say can re-
pay the debt we owe. Of course,
every day—and every night—is
Mother's, for she is always on
duty, but this is especially a day
when we honour her before our
fellows; when we renew our vows
of love to her.

To many of us it will be a Day
of Remembrance, for Mother is no
longer with us. Those helpful let-
ters no longer come, and yet we feel
she is often very close to us. We
have only a fragrant memory of
the one who will ever be dear and
to whom we owe the best in us.

Mother represents Home.
Mothers are the creators of Homes
and surely there is no nobler task
than to be the inspiration of the
Home. Many of us are what we
are through the influence of our
Homes and how we miss them out
here! There is no substitute for
the Home and no modern inven-
tion can take its place.

To-morrow night, special refer-
ence will be made to this Day at
the Quiet Hour.

It is being arranged to have a
group photograph taken after tiffin.
Members not wishing to join with
the Residents and to be at the
Association at about 2 o'clock.

MR. G. W. KEETON.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR LEAVING.

The Hong Kong University will
shortly be losing one of the
keenest and most popular mem-
bers of the staff in Mr. G. W.
Keeton who is leaving to join the
staff of a Home University. As
Professor of Law he has taken
the keenest interest in the Law
Society and "Law Journal" of
the institution, which have
flourished under his guidance.
During his residence here, Mr.
Keeton has made a study of the
peculiar legal problems arising in
China from the impact of East
and West. Articles on Extra-
territoriality from his pen have
been published both in the "Law
Quarterly" and in the "Journal of
Comparative Legislation." His
work on this subject has also
been accepted as Cambridge in
satisfaction to the requirements
of the LL.M. degree.

RAPID RISE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' CAREER.

AIR OFFICER AND LAWYER.

Not yet 21 years old, a
Queen's College Chinese boy has
just returned to Hong Kong as a
commissioned officer in the United
States Air Corps and a Bache-
lor of Liberal Law.

This is Second Lieut. Chiu S.
Eng (Ng She-chiu), a Cantonese
youth who was in class 3A (Com-
mercial) at Queen's College in
1921, when he went to New York.

Mr. Eng modestly attributes
his success largely to good luck in
the United States but he must
have worked very hard for, while
he was being instructed in avia-
tion, he took up a course in law
till 11 o'clock every night, till he
was awarded his LL.B. by St.
John's Law School and was ad-
mitted to the Bar.

Flying Achievements.

Senator Lampert of Wisconsin
endorsed Mr. Eng's entry into the
War College in 1922, as a Cadet
and a naturalised subject. In
the course of his service, Mr. Eng
was frequently in contact with
the two Majors Lampert, both air
officers and sons of the Senator.

On Sept. 16, 1924, Mr. Eng re-
ceived his full commission. He
was posted to the 20th Bombing
Squadron and the 248th Pursuit
Squadron.

Mr. Eng keeps a private aero-
plane, in which he flew 1,500 miles
from Daytona (Florida) to New
York, at a flying speed of 175
miles an hour.

His longest flight was for about
13 hours, when he covered 1,500
miles from Langley Field (Vir-
ginia) to Pueblo (Colorado).

Escort to Queen Marie.

Altogether, Mr. Eng has 2,400
hours of flying to his credit—a
unique record for so young an
officer.

When Queen Marie and Prince
Nicholas of Roumania visited
America, Lieut. Eng was one of
the Air Corps officers to form the
escort of aeroplanes which flew
over the liner of which Her
Majesty was travelling.

In 1923, Lieut. Eng was chair-
man of the Officers' Moustaches
Club of Pensacola.

The other side to the story is
made up by a series of minor
crashes. Mr. Eng was in
hospital for three months last
year following a very bad acci-
dent. He was piloting a Martin
bomber with four officers as night
observers when the gasoline line
fell off, the plane crashed, there
was an explosion, and the ma-
chine caught fire. The two 400
horse-power Liberty motors were
melted in the terrific blaze.

Trained With World Flier.

Lt. Eng was trained together
with Lt. Nelson, one of the
American birdmen who flew round
the world and called at Hong
Kong.

Among his personal friends,
this Chinese young man counts
Vice-President Dawes; Senators
Copeland and Wadsworth of New
York; Senator Johnson of Cali-
fornia and Senator Borah, chair-
man of the Foreign Affairs Com-
mittee; Mr. Walter F. Chrysler,
maker of the motor-car of that
name; ex-Brigadier General Mit-
chell, whose name has been
prominent before the public; Lt.
Col. Fuls, officer commanding at
Mitchell Field, New York; Brig-
adier General Butler, U.S. Marine
Corps, now at Shanghai; Rear-
Admiral Hughes, of the U.S.
Yangtze Patrol; and Admiral
Sims.

Mr. Eng has come back to Hong
Kong on a holiday to visit his par-
ents and will return to New York
in due course.

NEAR 100,000.

FREE VACCINATIONS IN THE COLONY.

The number of Chinese vacci-
nated free of charge by members of
the St. John Ambulance Brigade,
up to and including Thursday,
April 28, is—
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division 25,125.
King's College Division 9,657.
Railway Division 9,188.
Indian Division 8,947.
Kowloon Division 25,281.
Mongkok Division 12,685.
Shaokwan Division 5,394.
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ALLEGED FORGERY CHARGE.

There was a further adjourn-
ment after the hearing of evi-
dence yesterday in the case in
which Asraff Ali is charged with
uttering a forged note in a house
in Hollywood Road (No. 52) on
March 28.

Miss Madeline Brett, the mis-
tress of the house, said that she
was in the dining room late one
evening when her boy brought
her a \$500 note and asked for
smaller change. She was under
the impression that one of the
ladies in the house wanted the
change and did not know it was
intended for any of the visitors.
After she had given the change she
thought she had better make
enquiries and, on going into the
drawing room she was startled to
see two men who looked like
Indians there. The ordinary
visitors to the house were white
men. The two men left almost
at once after her arrival, witness
added.

On presentation of the note at
the Bank she was told it was a
forgery.

Before the men left, witness
added, she was introduced to one
of them as "Iron Bux," the boxer.
She thought that he had just won
a fight and had not been able to
get the note changed so late at
night.

After the evidence of Miss
Ethel Morrison and Miss Lillian
Grissone, who were in the draw-
ing room with the defendant and
Iron Bux, that the defendant had
offered the note in payment for
drinks, Iron Bux was called and
said he saw the defendant tender
a note and the change being
brought but he could not tell
the denomination of the note. He
was a friend of the defendant who
had insisted on witness accom-
panying him to the house in
question to have a drink. He had
given every assistance to the
Police to find the defendant.

The case was adjourned until
Tuesday at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for
the defendant and Detective Ser-
geant A. V. Baker prosecuted.

COMING CONCERTS.

SERVICES' ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

Under the auspices of the
Y.M.C.A. Entertainments Com-
mittee, the following concerts have
been arranged for next week in the
"Better Ole," Y.M.C.A., Peking
Road, Kowloon:

Tuesday, May 3, "The Gay Jays,"
under the direction of R. H. Charles
Esq., (commencing at 7.30 p.m.).

Thursday, May 5, the Band of the
1st Batt. Cameronians (Scottish
Rifles) Conductor Mr. Horace E.
Dowell, L.R.A.M., by kind permis-
sion of Lt. Col. Ferrers, D.S.O. and
Officers; songs from his repertoire,
Miss Aileen Woods. (Commencing
at 7.30 p.m.).

Friday, May 6, community sing-
ing under the direction of Mrs.
Costen. (Commencing at 7 p.m.).

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

Mr. W. K. Reynolds (secretary
to the City Hall), who lives at No.
16, Felix Villas, Pokfulam, took
a Chinese woman to hospital
yesterday following an accident.

Mr. Reynolds was driving his
car along Caine Road, near the
Italian Convent, when the woman
ran across the road, in front of
the car, and was knocked over.
She had injuries to her legs but
these were not serious and she
was not detained in hospital.

Motor-car No. 838 knocked
down a 6-years-old Chinese boy
in Queen's Road East yesterday.
The lad ran out from behind an-
other car going in the opposite
direction and was bowled over.
He was taken to the Government
Civil Hospital.

THE CLARION CALL.

A woman complained to Mr.
Cairns, the magistrate, at Thames
Police-court, that she could get no
rest day or night owing to the noise
made by a neighbour's cockerel.

The Magistrate: How long has
this been going on?—About seven
months.

You ought to be used to it by this
time. It is getting on my nerves.
I can't stand it.
The Magistrate suggested to the
applicant that she should get three
neighbours to join her in signing
a petition by means of which the
owner of the cockerel could be
brought to book for keeping a noisy
animal.

The Applicant: But they won't
because it is not under their win-
dow.

The Magistrate: But the clarion
call rings further than one back
yard. The only thing is to kill the
bird, and let her see you for
damages.

Applicant: Oh, I could not do
that.

The Magistrate: Then it seems a
hopeless case.
Applicant: Then I left the court
looking very disappointed.

THE NEW CHINA.

Why There Can Be No Peace.

CHIANG AS THE OBSTACLE.

(By "Li Chung-yin.")

Irrespective of whether the Reds will be suppressed or the break in the Kuomintang will be patched up, there can be no peace in China yet.

In the kaleidoscopic military and political changes which take place from day to day, all eyes are centred on General Chiang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Moderates and China's "soldier of the hour."

Where doubts previously existed as to Chiang Kai-shek's political creed, the merchants and thinking classes, as well as a section of the workers, are acclaiming him as the champion of anti-Communism. Suppose, for the purpose of this article, that he crushes the Hankow clique. He cannot do so without co-operation and, judging him by his past, he will attempt to throw his helpers aside when the immediate object has been achieved.

As the "Reds" have found that they backed the wrong horse, so will others become, in turn, dissatisfied with Chiang Kai-shek.

Always Ambitious.

The present Nationalist hero was first heard of in Kwangtung several years ago when the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen personally brought him to General Chan Kwang-ming, who was then sojourning on the Fukien border while the Kwangsi militarists held sway in Canton. As a 2nd grade staff officer attached to a division, Chiang Kai-shek made it known that he was restless and would he till his ambition was realised.

While the remnants of the Kuomintang Army were struggling for a footing, Chiang Kai-shek quarrelled with General Leung Hung-kai (whom he imprisoned in Canton in 1925). Because Chan Kwang-ming would not punish Leung Hung-kai, Chiang Kai-shek forsook Sun Yat-sen and returned to Shanghai.

After a while, the Kuomintang was re-established in Canton. Back came Chiang Kai-shek, this time as a 1st grade staff officer of the 1st Army, then commanded by General Hsu Shung-chi (who, incidentally, was forced by Chiang Kai-shek to flee in 1925).

Points in His Character.

In July, 1922, the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen was driven out of Canton by Chan Kwang-ming and Chiang Kai-shek lost his appointment. A few months afterwards, Sun Yat-sen returned and Chiang Kai-shek was still turbulent, being one of forty staff officers attached to executive headquarters. All these minor incidents in the man's career tend to illustrate his characteristics.

At the height of his power in Canton—a period, as pointed out by one observer, always referred to as "the halcyon days of which Nationalists are so proud"—Chiang Kai-shek favoured neither the Extremists, Communists, Moderates nor Conservatives. He played one section off against the other, to strengthen his own hand. All along he was successful until the effect of his conquests made the scope too big for him to control directly.

How Communists Stole In.

This opportunity was seized by the Russians and their hirelings. How it was done is best told by Mr. George E. Sokolsky in the "North China Daily News," as follows:—

The Communists . . . organised to steal the party from its leaders. They entered as individual members—practically stole into the party. They then worked harder than most of the Kuomintang leaders knew how to work until they became secretaries and officers and until they controlled the party machinery.

While the Kuomintang leaders were making speeches and working out programmes, the Communists within the party were busily engaged in organisation work. After the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen they boldly assumed authority and threw every outstanding Kuomintang leader with the exception of Mr. Wang Ching-wai, out of office and often out of the party, which they controlled.

Accused of insincerity. Those who have been closely connected with Chiang Kai-shek accuse him of insincerity in that he denounced the Communist Party not because he is opposed to Soviet ideas, but merely because Hankow was jealous of his authority and took up an obstructive policy. As Mr. E. Ashmead-Bartlett, C.B.E., special correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" (London) aptly says:—

"Borodin has been all-powerful because he alone controls the funds which enable the Nationalists to advance; moreover, Russian officers under General Galen (Galenitz) have directed all these operations." He has

SEDITION.

NEW POWERS FOR THE POLICE.

The following regulation was made by the Governor in Council under section 2 of the Emergency Regulation Ordinance, 1922, Ordinance No. 5 of 1922, on Thursday:—

The regulation relating to the Prevention of Disorder which was published in the "Gazette" of April 8, 1927, as notification No. 202, is rescinded and the following regulation is substituted therefor:—

It shall be lawful for any police officer to seize anything whatsoever which may appear to belong to, or to be connected with, or to be intended to be used for the purposes of, any proscribed organisation, and it shall be lawful for a magistrate, upon such notice (if any) as he shall think fit, to order any such thing to be forfeited. Any thing so forfeited shall be disposed of in such manner as the Captain Superintendent of Police may direct.

FOUR SHOT.

REMARKABLE STORY FROM MALAYA.

Kuala Lumpur, April 19.

A strange shooting tragedy is reported from Kuala Lumpur on the border of Selangor and Perak.

It is alleged that on Good Friday evening a Malay constable armed with a rifle went into the town and shot a Chinese liquor shop keeper and wounded an assistant.

Then he went out of the shop and shot a Chinese kapala and proceeded to a rubber estate shot a Tamil coolie.

Three of the wounded have succumbed.

The policeman was later arrested.

Some of us have hardly religion enough to keep us warm.—Rev. Jas. Saxton.

therefore being indispensable to the Cantonese.

Being an old-fashioned Chinese Conservative wishing to uphold the reputation of the War Lords, and seeing wealth and power almost within his grasp, Chiang Kai-shek has no desire and sees no necessity to divide the prospective spoils on a communal basis, as laid down in Moscow regulations for the salvation of nations.

Party First.

At Nanking to-day, the party question looms largely in the picture. Chiang Kai-shek has lost the Russian subsidy. He can afford to do so as he has the Customs surtaxes of the biggest port and the opium monopoly of Shanghai (native city) worth about \$2,000,000 a month.

To set up a working government, he is gathering around him some members of the Kuomintang whose names are well-known to foreigners. To them, the setting up of Chiang Kai-shek as a dictator is not the issue of primary importance. The purging of the Kuomintang of Communist elements will receive more of their attention, hoping that such will lead to the re-placing of the Party on its former status.

Moderates' Heads as Sacrifice. Having disagreed with Chiang Kai-shek not more than two years ago, can such politicians as Dr. C. C. Wu and Mr. Hu Han-min—mention no others—collaborate with him now? One answer sounds plausible. In 1925, Chiang Kai-shek was almost entirely dependent on Borodin's favours. He is not now and therefore has no need to sacrifice the heads of Moderates to appease the paymaster.

If Chiang Kai-shek continues as the soldier of iron will, he is bound to disagree with his politician confreres again. How can there be peace, if that is to be the case?

One point which has become fairly obvious, since the Nationalist's cleavage came to a head, is that former Kuomintang methods are being revised.

The Anti-Foreign Issue. The anti-foreign issue was raised so that the Nationalists could win public esteem by, assumedly, making it a question of national honour. Anybody opposed to them, even if he had never seen a foreigner in his life, was labelled a "hunting dog of the Imperialists." This very popular slogan certainly caught on.

The war served the same purpose in that opposing generals could be accused of militarism and tuchunism. How many of these generals have since been given high appointments in the Nationalist Army is beyond count. The anti-foreign outcry is looked on askance to-day because the Chinese have found out the cost to themselves of boycotts, strikes, etc. Chiang Kai-shek won the merchants' sympathy by striking hard at armed strike pickets and agitators, and Hankow, to keep up in the competition, has also shown an abrupt turn in the attitude towards foreigners (as reported by wireless this week).

HANKOW'S DANGER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the Kuomintang that they should co-operate with the Communists, and support the interests of the labourers and the farmers.

Communist Treachery.

This did not mean that the Kuomintang should come entirely under the control of the Soviet Government in Moscow or its Hankow agent, Comrade Borodin.

However, the Communists stole their way into the party and got a grip on certain members of the party which they refused to loosen. They, the Communists, promised faithfully to abide by the rules of the Kuomintang but, after having been admitted, they declined to submit to these and, instead, tried to dictate to the party, action which certainly could not be recognised.

General Chiang Kai-shek, concluded Mr. Huang Hui-ping, was thoroughly justified in suppressing the Communists and he was sure that, if the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen were alive to-day and could see the crimes of the Bolsheviks, he would approve of the general's action.

Never Gain Ground in China.

Replying on behalf of the Chinese journalists, Mr. Yen Shun-yu said that, although Bolshevism, or Communism, had succeeded in Russia, it would never gain ground in China because conditions differed so vastly. China was a civilised country and she never could nor would bear to see such barbarism as was practised by the Bolsheviks introduced.

The Wu-Han Communists, the speaker remarked, were following a suicidal policy and hoped to enforce principles which the Chinese people would not only not accept but which they would neither forget nor forgive. Though the Wu-Han Government professed to permit freedom of speech and publication, it muzzled the Press and censored everything and therefore its fall was certain. The speaker, in conclusion, appealed to all present to sever relations with Wu-Han and its Communist Government.

Support from Merchants.

The writers of the telegrams circulated last week on behalf of the Chinese merchants of the French Concession (Messrs. Wong King-yung, Chang Siu-ling and Do Yoh-sung) are forming a new organisation, the special aim of which is to fight Communism.

This organisation is receiving strong support from all over the country as evidenced by piles of letters and telegrams which the writer was shown during the week-end.

Its success is assured if the promoters will abide by their fixed policy.

The Shanghai Students' Union have issued a telegram favouring the fight against Bolshevism and approving of the removal of the Nationalist Government from Hankow to Nanking.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

The Soviet Consulates of Manchuria.

Shanghai, April 29.

A telegram from Mukden, dated April 27, states that Government circles assert that Chang Tso-lin is considering the closing of Soviet Consulates in Manchuria in anticipation of which the Consuls have despatched certain effects to Moscow.

There are persistent reports of unusual Russian military activity on the frontier, a body of Mongolian cavalry being reported to have penetrated Inner Mongolia. Foreign observers have been despatched to verify the report.

Frontier Defence.

Peking, April 29.

General Tsang Shih-ku has gone to Harbin to arrange for frontier defence with the military commissioner there.

More Executions.

Shanghai, April 29.

A message from Peking, dated April 28, delayed by the censor, says that the well-known Communist Li Ta-chao and seventeen others, who were arrested in the Soviet Embassy raid, were executed this afternoon. The police appear to have decided that the evidence discovered completely proved their guilt and the Court, having somewhat informally investigated the cases, ordered summary execution. The prisoners were strangled at police headquarters.—Reuter.

Trial of Russians.

Shanghai, April 29.

The others arrested at the Embassy raid are still under close guard pending trial. Russian officials have requested the Valikhanov to state when the Russians arrested will be tried.—Reuter.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

April 30—Queen's Theatre: "The Unholy Three."

April 30—World Theatre: "The Freshman."

April 30—Star Theatre: "Big Brother."

April 30—Tea Dance at Cafe Restaurant Parisien, from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.

May 2—M.I. & A.C. Coy's dinner and concert, Volunteer Headquarters, 7.45 p.m.

May 2—Dance at R. E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, under the auspices of the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals Junior Dance Club, 8.30 p.m.

May 2—Dinner and Concert at Volunteer Headquarters 7.45 p.m.

May 4—Cafe Restaurant Parisien holds Dress Carnival Dinner Dances at which function prizes for ladies will be presented.

May 6—Annual dinner (Engineer Co.) and presentation of shooting prizes, H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, 8 p.m.

Sports.

April 30—Postponed Easter Meeting of the Fanling Hunt, 3.15 p.m.

April 30—Closing cruise of the R.H.K. Yacht Club, 3 p.m.

April 30—Opening of the Hong Kong league tennis season, 4 p.m.

May 1—S.C.A.A. annual sports meeting, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley.

May 5—Royal Artillery Athletic Meeting, United Services Recreation ground, Kowloon, 2 p.m. each day.

May 7—Third extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

May 24—Meeting of Fanling Hunt Steeplechases.

May 7—Third annual meeting of China Underwriters, Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

May 9—Officers' Mess Meeting H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters, 6.30 p.m.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Sixty-first annual meeting of British Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.14 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth yearly

meeting of China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

Lammerts' Auctions.

May 3—Valuable household furniture, at Messrs. Lammert Bros.' Sale Room, 2.30 p.m.

May 2—At Godown No. 21, Kowloon Wharf, 30 cases yellow metal sheetings, 11 a.m.

Land Sale.

May 2—Sale of Crown land at Mong Kok Taul, by public auction at the Offices of the Public Works Department, 3 p.m.

Is "neous."

April 30—Messrs. Komor & Komor will display for ten days water colours and oil paintings by famous artists from Japan and Europe, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

May 1—Social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

May 1—Vocal and instrumental service at Union Church, Kennedy Road, 5.30 p.m.

May 1—Full water supply to the Colony's rider main districts from this date until further notice.

May 1—Opening of bathing beaches at North Point and Kennedy Town.

May 3—Quarry Bay School holds spring festival, 11 a.m. Launch for visitors leaves Murray Pier 10.20 a.m.

May 3—Screening of the Leipzig International Industries Fair, and various modern methods in the manufacture of machinery, at Queen's Theatre, 10.45 a.m.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on April 29 by the N.Y.K. "Sado Maru" from Bombay were:—Mr. J. Heach, Mr. S. F. Smith, Mr. N. J. and Mrs. P. Mashruwala, Mr. O. Kiyoshi, Mrs. O. Yac, Mr. K. Osamu, Mrs. K. Kiyu, Miss Hiro, Mr. T. Kantaro, Mr. K. Heizo, Mr. F. Kotaro, Mr. S. Kokki, Mr. S. Kwanji, Mr. T. Seichi, Mr. N. Koichiro, Mr. E. Shoji, Mr. T. Teikichi, Mr. N. Yozo, Mr. F. Matsui, Mr. N. Tozo, Mr. Y. Kosaburo, Mr. H. Shin, Mr. K. Rikuo, Mr. O. Shiro, Ms. I. Eika, Mr. K. Genkitsu, Mr. Shiyu, Mr. D. N. Masters, Mr. H. Takeo, Mrs. H. Yac, Miss H. Ski, Master H. Eio, Miss H. Kane, Mr. T. Harnkich, Mr. M. Kan, Mr. I. Tadashi, Mrs. I. Totsu, Miss I. Chidori, Mr. Y. Yotaro, Mr. C. Shigetarre, Mrs. O. Mitsui, Miss O. Teru.



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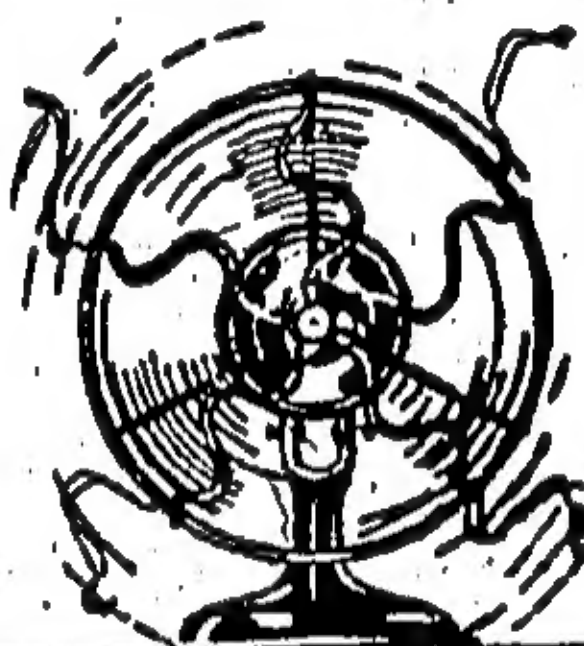
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall to-morrow is at 6 p.m.

The Mounted Infantry and Armoured Car Companies of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps hold a combined dinner and concert at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday at 8 p.m.

The road commencing at the junction of Nathan Road and the Old Kowloon Boundary, running in a north-westerly direction and terminating at the junction of Castle Peak Road and Kwulin Street has been named Taiipo Road.

There will be a vocal and instrumental service at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, to-morrow evening, at 5.30. Dr. McCandless will sing "The Psalmist," by B. Van de Water, and "Ninety and Nine," by E. Campion. Organ solos will be played by Mr. G. E. Longyear. There is to be a Foulkes offertory and a Foulkes service, at 6 p.m. The preacher at both morning and evening services will be the pastor (the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald).

Thanks to the generosity of an American lady, Mrs. Morton Dexter, of Boston, two valuable panels of Felletin tapestry from the collection of the late Viscount Leverhulme, which was sold by auction in New York, have returned to England as a gift to the Victoria and Albert Museum. To these Mrs. Dexter, who has already enriched the museum with other tapestries, has added a third fine panel of Felletin tapestry, a fine gift, as French tapestries are poorly represented in the national collection.

A ragged old woman carrying a sack full of rubbish was stopped as she was entering a house in a fashionable quarter of Paris following a bridal couple and their friends. Taken to the police station, she was able to give a satisfactory account of herself and was released. Far from being the homeless vagabond the police took her for, she proved to be the owner of several houses in Paris and of farms in the Oise Department, making her total fortune well over £25,000. She is 56 years of age and spends her life in rags wandering round the Central Market and living on scraps and odds and ends picked up from restaurant waste. She has been repeatedly arrested as a vagabond, but has always been released on proving her identity.

The name of the Alpha Tow-boat Company, Limited, has been struck off the register.

Both legs of a Chinese male worker at the Talkoo Sugar Refinery were fractured yesterday through being crushed by a wheel when he was caught in some machinery. The man is now in the Government Civil Hospital.

An auction sale at the Grant-ham charity bazaar included autographs of Mr. S. Baldwin, Mr. Lloyd George, and of well-known generals, admirals, clergymen, actors and actresses, but easily the top price was obtained for Jack Hobbs's signature.

An exciting incident at the Ipoh races was the bolting of one of the ponies in the fourth race, when Mr. Brough's Happy Thoughts, a chestnut, threw its rider and got away from the course. The animal careered wildly through the town, knocking down a Tamil lad who had to be removed to the hospital. A motor cyclist also ran into the drain in avoiding the animal, which eventually got away along the Kuala Kangsar Road, and was last seen making for Chemor.

Although it would not be wise to place too much reliance on the news published to-day as to Chiang Kai-shek's activities against the Communists, yet it makes most satisfactory reading, observes the "Straits Times." It becomes daily more evident that if the "Reds" now in control at Hankow once predominate the Southern position, war with one or more of the interested Powers is likely to be the final outcome. It is possible to treat with the Nationalists, as Britain has proved at Hankow and Kiukiang, but quite impossible to come to any sort of understanding with the "Red" party, which in reality has no central control as each town or area takes unto itself local power which develops into Sovietism, through rampant murder and economic chaos in excelsis. Chiang Kai-shek fully realises this. With numerous imperium in imperio, his own authority dwindles to the vanishing point. Furthermore, he knows that having once begun operations against the "Reds" he has no option now but to continue to the bitter end or take refuge in the international Settlement at Shanghai.

A dance in the Wellington Barracks theatre will be held at 8.30 p.m. on Monday by the Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals.

At the Cercle Hoche, Paris, a club where fencing is much practiced, M. Brille Gentil, a prominent sportsman, was engaged in a bout with M. Guilmard, his business partner, when the latter's foil snapped and penetrated through a seam of M. Gentil's fencing jacket into his lungs. M. Gentil staggered back and said, "I am done for." There were several doctors present, but their efforts were unavailing and death ensued within a few minutes.

Mr. J. A. Summers, a member of the jury called to investigate the circumstances under which an unknown Chinese was knocked down and killed at the junction of Praya East and An Tong Street, was fined \$10 for being absent when his name called. Mr. Summers, who arrived late, pleaded pressure of business. A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest on the Chinese in question. The deceased was walking in the road when he was knocked down by a public motor car.

The announcement that a little girl suffering from diphtheria is at large in London produces in the mind of the average citizen a rather uncomfortable feeling, coupled with some criticism of the authorities whose conduct allowed it to occur, says a correspondent of the "Liverpool Journal of Commerce." Suffering from a sore throat, the girl was examined in hospital, a swab was taken of her throat, and she was then permitted to go home. When the development of the swab resulted in the discovery that diphtheria germs were present it was impossible to find the patient, notwithstanding that the broadcasting machinery has been craved in aid. As one who has had personal and painful experience, I know that in the Army in France even a negative (tonsillitis) as distinct from a positive (diphtheria) underwent a somewhat lengthy medical treatment, and in any event the possibility of a person having diphtheria should surely have suggested her detention in hospital until the swab gave its verdict. I am at a loss to understand how the child managed to carry on at all with diphtheria germs in her system.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay, the retiring Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, and Mrs. Lindsay left to-day for Home on the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa."

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Thomas William Harold Hoesgood to be Assistant Harbour Master and Examiner for Masters and Mates, with effect from April 28.

The following additions have been made to the list of Public Vaccinators:—L. Heang, D. Lopes, Fok Kum-yung, Hung Lai-kwan, Chan King-sim, Hui Luk-yip, Ngo Sui-hing, Cheung Wai-foon, Kwok Kit-ming, Ho Lai-yui, and Yung Po-yick. These ladies are members of the Victoria Nursing Division.

Sir Robert Peel is taking to dancing as an occupation, not (he explains) for gain but as a hobby. He holds that "everybody should accept his share of the world's work." In conjunction with Mr. C. H. Dent, he has taken over the Palace Ballroom, Erdington, where he acts as M.C. on appointed nights. [Sir Robert, who is the husband of Miss Beatrice Lillie, the actress, has in the course of his career been a cowboy and a concert hall manager.]

Sir Henry Craik, M.P., died in mail week at his residence in Dean's Yard, Westminster, S.W. Sir Henry, who was 80, was proud of being the oldest Member of Parliament, being a few weeks older than Sir James Agg-Gardner. He entered the House of Commons as a Conservative member for Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities in 1906, and from 1918 was one of the three Members for the combined Scottish Universities. Sir Henry was formerly Secretary to the Scottish Education Department and had had nearly 50 years' experience of parliamentary procedure. Even when he had reached his 80th birthday he could be seen most mornings enjoying a gallop in the Row. Sir Henry was the author of several publications, including a "Life of Swift" and "A Century of Scottish History." He is succeeded in the baronetcy by his eldest son, Mr. G. T. Craik, a barrister.

Among the Hong Kong passengers on the "Empress of Asia" when she sailed yesterday for Manila were Miss L. D. Kirkness, Mr. V. T. Manns, Mrs. M. Neve, Mrs. W. V. Spotswood and Mr. A. S. Gray.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Dr. Ethel Mary Minett to be a Member of the Midwives Board during the absence on leave of Dr. Alice Deborah Hickling, M.B.E., with effect from April 25.

Sir Robert Bond, the former Prime Minister of Newfoundland, has died at the age of 70. Descended from an old Devonshire family, Sir Robert Bond was born at St. Johns—where his father had a mercantile business—but was educated at Queen's College, Taunton. Returning to Newfoundland he entered the legislature in 1882 and became in succession Speaker, leader of the opposition, Colonial Secretary and, in 1900, Prime Minister, holding both the latter posts until 1909. He was for years a very prominent figure in over-seas politics owing to his participation in the disputes which arose over the American fishing rights in Newfoundland, the French "shore rights," and other questions. He was a K.C.M.G. and a member of the Privy Council.

Mr. Archibald Page, director and general manager of the County of London Electrical Supply Co., for 18 months past, has been appointed chief engineer to the General Electricity Board. Mr. Page acquired a great familiarity with the subject of electricity while at George Heriot's School, Edinburgh, and the Doulton Academy, and subsequently when he became chief engineer to the Clyde Valley Electricity Co. he was rightly regarded as an expert on matters electrical. His appointment as an Electricity Commissioner was accepted as being quite natural and those who were privileged to see any of his work in that capacity were proud in their praise of the ability he displayed. The Central Electricity Board are to be congratulated upon their choice.

Mr. J. M. Walker of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China, and Mrs. Walker, transhipped yesterday by the "Empress of Asia" for Manila, having arrived here from Home by the "Morea" on Thursday.

The infant son of Mr. Henry Willis, the organ builder was baptised in St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Paul's, not being a parish church, christenings only take place there as a special privilege granted by the Dean, principally to those connected with the Cathedral. Mr. Henry Willis's father built the Cathedral organ in 1872 and Mr. Willis himself removed the instrument to its temporary position during the recent repairs to the Cathedral fabric. Canon J. G. Simpson officiated, and the god-parents were Dr. Charles Macpherson, the Cathedral organist, Mr. Goss Custard, organist of Liverpool Cathedral, Miss Gertrude Sinclair (Mr. Willis's sister), and Miss Helen Hogan, a celebrated American organist. The god-mothers were represented by proxies. The child was named Henry.

The death is announced of Lieut.-Col. Edward Bowater McInnis. Well known in many parts of the world, the late Lieut.-Col. McInnis had a distinguished military career. He was born in 1846, and entered the Army at an early age. During 1878-80, he served in the Afghan War and participated in the march to Candahar, and the battle of Candahar, for which he received a medal with two clasps, and bronze decorations. In 1891 he ceased to be Inspector-General of Police, Gold Coast, and British Guiana, and between 1892-1902 commanded the militia in British Guiana. He was sent on a special mission to the Venezuelan frontier in 1896. In the following year he commanded the Cavalry of the Colonial Forces at Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. The War Office entrusted him in 1909-10 with the duty of inquiring into the organisation of the police on the island of Malta. During the Coronation of King George V. he acted as Political Officer and A.D.C. to the Sultans of Perak and Kedah.



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SPORTS SECTION

IN THE FINAL.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT DOUBLES.

HONDA'S VICTORY.

In the first of the semi-finals of the open championship doubles at the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament yesterday T. Honda and H. Akiyama defeated Yew Man-tsun and Yew Man-kit by three sets to one.

Starting with more confidence than their opponents, the Japanese pair easily took three games of the reel. The Chinese pair were just beginning to get settled down, and by some accurate smashing on the part of Yew Man-kit took the next game.

With the score at 5-3 and 40-15 in their favour, the Japanese pair failed to clinch the issue and eventually lost the game, bringing the score to 6-4. By playing more aggressively, however, they took the set at 7-5.

Play in the second set was of a higher standard. The Chinese, by better combination, managed to win at 6-4, contenting themselves by benefitting from their opponents' errors.

Determined Rally. Each pair took a game in the third set, the Chinese leading at 2-1. At this stage, the Japanese asserted themselves and took the next five games.

In the fourth set, the Chinese pair made a determined rally and looked as if they would equalise matters when they were leading by 5-4. By keeping up their attack, however, Honda and his partner won the next three games quite comfortably.

Honda (the open singles holder) seemed to be playing below his usual standard, but Akiyama rose to the occasion in fine style. Although occasionally erratic, he was on the offensive most of the time. Of the four players, Yew Man-kit worked the hardest, placing and smashing delightfully. Yew Man-tsun made a good many errors and was not forceful enough.

Yesterday's Results. Open Doubles. (semi-final)—T. Honda and H. Akiyama beat Yew Man-tsun and Yew Man-kit 7-5, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Club Championship. (3rd round).—G. W. Sewell beat Capt. E. G. Howard 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles. (4th round).—E. J. R. Mitchell and W. Hyde (owe 1/6) beat E. Grimble and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/6) 6-6, 6-4, 11-9.

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On the stand court—Open Doubles (semi-final)—H. D. Rumiha and S. A. Rumiha (holders) v. I. M. Razack and J. A. Cassimbohy.

Handicap Singles "A"—L. Forster (owe 5/6) v. S. M. Garrard (rec. 4/6) (semi-final)—R. Guy Wilkerson (rec. 15/1) v. J. S. Kennedy (rec. 15).

The finals have been arranged; subject to weather as follows:—Open singles: May 5. Open doubles: May 6. Prizes will be presented after the doubles. (An advertisement as to booking appears on page 12.)

HOLE IN ONE!

As sale agents for Messrs. John Walker & Sons, Ltd., Messrs. Caldwell Macgregor & Co., Ltd. have presented Mr. H. Hampton of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. with one bottle of the famous Johnnie Walker whisky for his feat in holing out at the 3rd at Happy Valley in one during the Easter holidays.

This offer is available to everyone who does a hole in one provided this feat is vouched for by the player's opponent, and countersigned by the secretary of the Golf Club.

BOXING ENTRIES CLOSE.

Entries close at 8 p.m. to-day for the amateur boxing tournament of the Victoria Recreation Club next week.

The four boys' events will be under Amateur Boxing Association rules and the six men's events under Imperial Services Boxing Association rules.

A special 10 rounds bout will be decided on Saturday night (May 7) with the finals.

South China Athletic Association annual athletic sports meeting will be held to-morrow at Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley.

The final in the junior section championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be decided to-morrow at the Happy Valley course.

1,000 GUINEAS.

DEAD HEAT FOR SECOND PLACE.

FAVOURITES BEATEN.

London, April 29. The One Thousand Guinea (a mile, at Newmarket, for 3-year-old fillies) was run to-day, resulting as follows:—

Cresta Run 1
Book Law 2^a
Endowment 2^a

Twenty-eight ran. Two lengths, dead-heat for second place. Starting prices:—10 to 1 against Cresta Run, 13 to 2 against Book Law, 3 to 1 against Endowment.—Reuter.

Cresta Run is owned by Lt.-Col. Giles Loder; Book Law by Lord Stopes; and Endowment by Lord Lonsdale.—British Wireless Service.

THE "TOTE?"

Jockey Club Decide On An Inquiry.

Rugby, April 29. Great interest has been aroused by an announcement that the Jockey Club has decided to hold an inquiry into means whereby betting may best be made to contribute to the maintenance of horse-breeding and racing.

This step is generally regarded as meaning that the question of establishing officially the totalisator on race courses is to be seriously considered.

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K.O.S.B.'s WIN.

BOXING MATCH WITH THE DESTROYERS.

INTER-SERVICE BOUTS.

By the narrow margin of four bouts to three, the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers defeated the 8th Destroyer Flotilla last night in a boxing match at Mount Austin Barracks.

Results given below include a six-round "extra" attraction. The other fights were all of three rounds, usual service conditions.

Lightweights:—Ldg. Seaman Baker (H.M.S. "Hermes") beat Private Hume on points in 6 rounds.

Welters:—A. B. Abrams knocked out Piper Smith in round 3; A. B. de Bell beat Drummer Scott on points; Private Carney beat Stoker Grey on points.

Middleweights:—Private Rice beat A. E. Bull on points.

Light-heavyweights:—Piper Smith beat Ldg. Stoker Driscoll on points.

Heavyweights:—Private Maxwell beat Stoker Norman on points.

The Officials. Referee: Major W. B. Stevenson, R.A.M.C.

Judges: Lt. L. M. Ker (K.O.S.B.), Lt. P. Carvane, R.N.

Timekeepers: Lt. J. G. Shillington (K.O.S.B.), Lt. H. A. Kelly (K.O.S.B.).

M.C.'s: R.S.M. T. Parkinson (K.O.S.B.).

At the conclusion, prizes were handed to the winners by Major Lake who complimented the contestants for putting up such good fights.

SOCCER INTEREST.

300 HOME AMATEURS TOUR AT EASTER.

London, April 13. More than 300 amateur footballers will leave England this evening and to-morrow for Easter tours on the Continent and the Channel Islands.

The record number of matches arranged is proof of the wide interest in association football in Europe, and the popularity of English teams.

Teams will visit Roumania, France, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, Germany and the Channel Islands.

In addition, the Zwolle Athletic Club, from Holland, are coming to England and will open with a match against Saint Alban's City on Friday.

The most ambitious tour of all will be that of the Oxford City Club, who are visiting Roumania. Two matches will be played in Bukharest, and others at Petrozseny, Timisoara, and Arad.

The distance from Oxford to Bukharest is 1,817 miles.

BALL AS "HER."

WHERE CRICKET SCRIBES ERR.

Although there has never been so much writing about cricket since the world began, every modern writer seems to have forgotten that the ball has, by honourable tradition, a definite sex.

All modern writers use the impersonal pronoun, forgetting that the first rules of the game make the ball definitely feminine.

Old cricketers will remember that the famous "W.G." used to say, "Chuck her up," and he was right.

"When ye Ball is hit up" ordain the rules of 1774, "either of ye strikers may hinder ye catch in his running ground, or if She is hit directly across ye wickets, ye Other Player may place his Body anywhere within ye swing of his Bat so as to hinder ye Bowler from catching her, but he must neither strike at her nor touch her with his hand."

Modern rule-makers did the game no service by condemning the ball to be "it."

54 MILES RACE.

20 TEAMS FROM LONDON TO BRIGHTON.

London, April 9. The London-Brighton relay running race over a distance of 53 miles 1,432 yards, divided into ten sections, started at 11 o'clock this morning from Westminster.

Twenty clubs competed. There were very heavy showers and the roads were flooded in places.

Hallamshire Harriers won, their time being 4 hours 41 mins. 17 secs., which is a record for the race.

Birchfield Harriers (4 hours 46 mins. 48 secs.) were second. South London Harriers (4 hours 52 mins. 15 secs.) were third.

EMPIRE BOXING.

Johannesburg, April 10. Johnny Squires, the South African heavy-weight boxing Champion, outpointed the Australian champion, George Cook, in a fifteen round match.

BOY BOXERS.

FIGHTING STRAIN AS SEEN TO-DAY.

"LITTLE WAR" SERIES.

Spending an evening at the inter-city boxing tournament between the Federation of London Working Boys' Clubs and the Liverpool Boys' Association was very much like a busman's holiday for me (writes Mr. Trevor C. Wignall), but I was glad I went to the London Scottish Drill Hall, for the experience was entirely refreshing.

The boxing witnessed, and the enthusiasm that accompanied it, were as different from the professional kind I am accustomed to see as is a day in the country when compared with a day spent in the hurly-burly of the Strand.

There were 16 contests, and the youths representing London were drawn from 100 clubs, which have a total membership of over 7,000.

The Liverpool Association's strength is over 15,000, and both these admirable organisations are concerned solely with the problems that arise in the life of the young boy.

London v. Liverpool. They have two slogans—"The Boy is the Keynote in the Arch of a Nation's Destiny" and "Give Every Boy a Sporting Chance"—and I know of no societies which are doing finer work or that more thoroughly deserve ready support.

Sturdy Londoners. While watching the bouts I was struck by many points, but by none as completely as that the London lads were sturdier, better developed, and stronger than the boys from Liverpool; and that boxing, as a science, has given way to a method of combat that is entirely removed from the popular conception of amateurism, because it depends almost exclusively on rapid and hard fighting.

Decline of "Dancing." Fifteen years ago the boys of the period boxed artistically, prettily, and with a certain degree of mildness; now they tear into each other and trade blows without apparently caring very much whether they accept punishment or give it.

Practically every contest was a little war, and there were two that ended with knockouts that would have been voted terrific even at the Ring in Blackfriars-road. I have long held the idea that boxing as an art, or as an exhibition of dancing footwork and straight-left hitting, is in the last stages of a decline and the sheer fighting of these youngsters, which they seemed to enjoy to the full, provided me with final corroboration of the view that the word "box" has definitely lost its meaning. Its place has been taken by the more adequate word "fight."

WETHERED'S GOLD VASE. London, April 9. Beaconsfield.—In the golf tournament here Roger Wethered won the Gold Vase with scores of 78 and 73.

C. J. H. Tooley was second with scores of 73 and 79.

There was a downpour throughout.

INTER-SERVICES "SOCCER." London, April 18. At Portsmouth, in the annual "soccer" match, the Royal Navy beat the Army by 6 goals to 2.

In a letter to the "Straits Times," Mr. W. Dunman suggests that it is time for an official consideration of the tides at Singapore. He remarks on the abnormally high tides experienced recently. On March 6, for example, the tide was two feet higher than the height stated in the table book. Mr. Dunman suggests that the clearing of land causing flood water to get away at once, the silting caused by the mole, and the building of the Causeway, which makes the rapid water that once flowed through the Straits of Johore go round a long way, are the three reasons for the higher tides. The question is, will these high tides continue? Point is added to Mr. Dunman's remarks by a picture in the "Straits Budget" entitled "Another high tide," showing Mr. Dunman, complete with bathing costume, taking a "freshener" in the water covering his tennis court.

CRICKETER'S BANKRUPTCY. An immediate discharge in bankruptcy was granted by the Dudley County Court judge to Charles Frederick Root, the Worcestershire and England professional cricketer. Creditors representing £755 opposed the application, which had been adjourned to enable Root to take part in the West Indies tour. Since then it was stated, the Official Receiver had secured £100 of War Loan presented to Root by Worcestershire cricketing admirers, and Root had also promised to surrender a gold watch presented to commemorate some of his performances.

Root said his bankruptcy was brought about by his tenancy of an hotel at Dudley.

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LIFE OF THE ENGINE.

EARLY CARE REPAID BY RESULTS.

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Cars Better Value Than Ever.

When cars which were not as good as those manufactured today cost considerably more, it was the practice for the manufacturer to do the preliminary breaking-in. This breaking-in process cost the manufacturer and, consequently the purchaser, considerable money. Superior manufacturing processes, better merchandising methods, production in large quantities, and the elimination of unnecessary operations in the factory, have served to cut down the direct cost and overhead of manufacturing to the point where much more automobile value per pound is given to-day than ever before in the history of the industry.

In line with the elimination of unnecessary operations in the process of manufacture, with the idea of giving the purchaser the maximum value for the money he expends, the manufacturer has passed on to the buyer the job of breaking in the motor. This can be done successfully by the owner if a slight degree of caution is used.

Engines are built with reasonably smooth bearing surfaces and cylinder walls, and the polishing process is performed merely by running the engine. In the case of the cylinder walls over which the pistons slide the surfaces may appear quite smooth to the touch, but under a microscope they would be found to be comparatively rough. Where two rough surfaces are in sliding contact the minute projections look into each other and are broken off. This causes wear, and, if the wear is too rapid, considerable heat is generated. In the case of the piston, this heat would cause expansion to the part where the piston would become so tight in the cylinder that part of the cylinder walls and piston would weld together and be torn away, leaving ridges or scores that would permanently interfere with satisfactory performance of the engine.

How Oil Functions.

To prevent this excessive wear oil is used as a lubricant. The oil forms a film between the piston and the cylinder walls, and keeps the small projections on the surface of the metals from coming into close contact. Consequently the wear is very slow. This illustrates the need of thorough lubrication during the breaking-in process. When new oil is put into the motor it will keep the surfaces from close contact, provided it is of the right quality. As the motor is run this oil becomes thinned through the leakage of gasoline into the oil reservoir, and it also becomes filled with the tiny particles of metal worn off from the surface of the pistons and cylinders. This means that it very quickly loses its ability to hold the surfaces apart. Therefore, in a new engine the oil should be changed frequently.

When the hands are cold and they are rubbed together briskly, they tend to warm rapidly. Likewise, in the engine of an automobile, if the working surfaces slide over each other rapidly, considerable heat is generated. If the engine when new is run at a high rate of speed, the wear-

LAGGING BEHIND.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN U.S.A.

Although it is generally recognised that America has made more advances in road improvement work than any other nation within recent years, even American road-makers have not kept pace with motor expansion.

In 1904 there were 54,590 passenger cars and 410 lorries in use in U.S.A. Highways totalled 2,151,379 miles. But of this impressive mileage only a fraction more than seven per cent, or 153,530 miles, was surfaced.

"In the course of the next five years," says "The Wheel," the official journal of the Studebaker Corporation of America, "registrations increased at an annual average of 42 per cent., so that more than 300,000 motor vehicles were in use in 1909, but the mileage of surfaced road had increased only 8.66 per cent. of the total during the period."

To-day the American highway system has been extended to more than 3,000,000 miles, of which approximately 500,000 miles are surfaced. But motor vehicle registrations have been increased to 20,000,000 cars and lorries—an expansion far ahead of the "still relatively small mileage of surfaced road." Needless to say, this critical view is American. Half a million miles of surfaced highway would seem a paradise to Australian motorists.

However, figures recently compiled by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, an American body, indicate that the motor population of U.S.A. has increased, since 1904, more than 100 times as fast as the mileage of surfaced roads. Stated in percentages, which make the comparison more startling, surfaced highway mileage has increased 222 per cent. since 1904, while motor vehicle registrations have increased some 36,180 per cent.

STICKY VALVES.

If trouble is often experienced with valves sticking up, due to congealed oil on the stems, it will be found worth while making a special paraffin injector for freeing them. This can easily be constructed out of a small oil-can by soldering a suitable length of small-bore copper tubing to the spout and bending it so that when inserted through the sparking-plug hole the tubing will reach to the valve-head. To free a sticky valve it is necessary merely to remove the plug of the cylinder concerned, turn the engine by means of the starting handle until the faulty valve is lifted, and then to squirt a small quantity of paraffin on the stem. This will have the effect of freeing the valve in a few seconds. For obvious reasons this is more effective with side valves than with those of the overhead type.

ing process is so rapid that the parts become overheated, which, in turn, makes them wear still more rapidly, thereby generating still more heat. Therefore, the piston expands until it sticks in the cylinder and scores the cylinder walls. The result is a cylinder that will never function properly unless it is reground and given a new start in life.

On the other hand, if on the new motor the surfaces are kept well lubricated, and are operated at a comparatively slow speed, the wearing-in process consists of slowly knocking off the microscopic high points until the metal is polished to a mirror-like finish. When in this condition, it may easily be kept lubricated, and further wear takes place very slowly.

The process is similar to that of smoothing a board by rubbing it with fine sand-paper. Go slowly during these first thousand miles. Run your engine carefully. Perhaps in the process you will acquire a habit of operating your car with a maximum of safety and good judgment.

THE SEVENS.

NOT THE TOYS THEY SEEM.

In touching on representative types of 1927 cars, British or foreign, a beginning may be made with the most inexpensive and smallest class—the Sevens.

There are more of these than last year. They are not the toys that they seem to be at first sight. Good speed and faithful service may be expected from them; they are genuine cars, not cycle-cars. There is the choice between two or four cylindered engines. A newly-introduced Seven has two horizontally opposed water-cooled cylinders with side-valves. Lubrication is by forced feed, ignition by battery and coil, and the specification includes four forward speeds with off-side control, spiral bevel final drive, and internally expanding brakes on all four wheels. The wheelbase, tracks, and ground clearance are 8 ft. 1½ in.; 3 ft. 9 in., and 9½ in. Thus the modern Seven is a four-seater, not to be ashamed of. Balloon cord tyres and dynamo lighting are included for the price.

The next class includes machines rated at 10 to 12 horse-power. The British designer is supreme in light car construction; with one or two well-known exceptions the Sevens and the 10-12 h.p. class are all British. One of the most inexpensive Tens is a chassis with a two-pair two-stroke water-cooled engine; epicyclic gears, two forward and reverse, are used and chain drive to an axle without differential gear. Owing to the special cantilever suspension this car can be run successfully on solid tyres.

On the cars next to be mentioned central control prevails and engine, clutch, and gear-box form a unit. Here the 11.9 sells as a two-seater, four-seater, and saloon. A three-bearing crankshaft with side-by-side valves, the universal detachable head, a five-plate clutch with cork insets and running in oil, a three-speed gear-box and semi-elliptical springs are among the main features. Several French designs come into this group.

In the 14-horse-power class there is equally good value. In this class the new Sixes begin to appear, and a four-door light saloon with six-cylinder engine, four speeds, and vacuum-assisted four-wheel brakes can be had. This machine has two overhead camshafts, forced lubrication, two carburetors, and right-hand speed control. Wheel-base, track, and ground clearance are 9 ft. 4 in., 56½ in., and 9½ in.

Development is to be seen in the Sixteen group. For instance, in the latest production of a pioneer British firm there is a six-cylinder engine of two litres, with aluminium pistons, duralumin connecting rods, overhead valves and camshaft, high-pressure lubrication, a seven-bearing crankshaft, and four speeds and six brakes. A really well-furnished saloon body, with cellulose finish, seats five comfortably.

In the 18 horse-power class there are a number of newcomers, and of various nationalities, though the American and Canadian products are for the most part still in the higher-powered classes, and cross-Atlantic designers will have to struggle hard if they are going to compete successfully with Europe in medium and small cars. In my opinion, they have concentrated too long on the larger cars to get level with Europe, and especially Great Britain, this year. These 2½ and 2½ litre six-cylinder cars are for the most part well and cleanly designed and have ample room.

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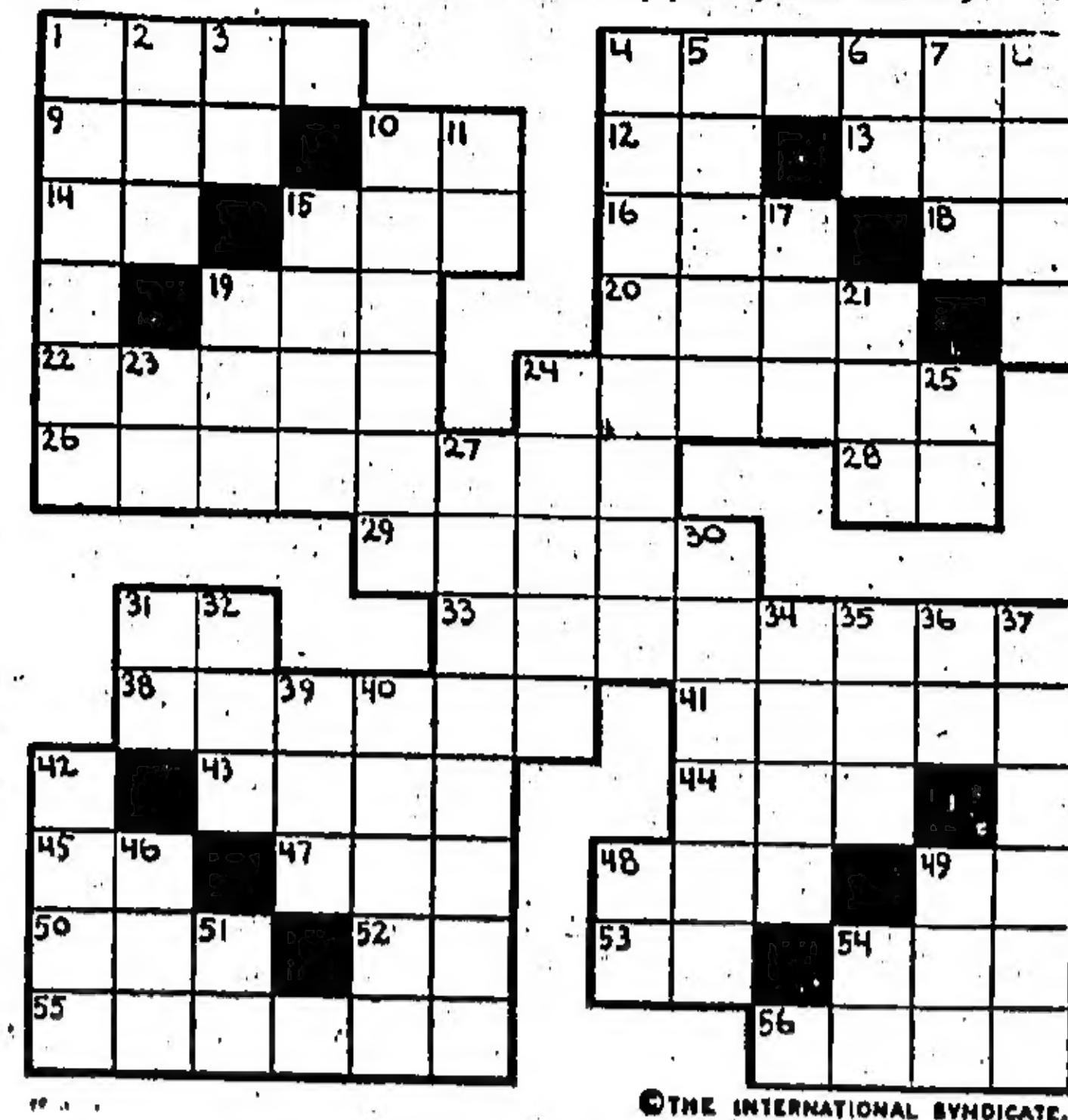
The Peugeot Automobile Co. of France has absorbed the De Dion Bouton and Bellanger companies, thus forming the nucleus of a French General Motors. The move followed a recent trip to America by the vice-president of the Peugeot Co.

The De Dion name will be preserved. This company was founded in 1882, and is the oldest in France devoted exclusively to motor construction.

The Bellanger Co. grew tremendously during the war, when it was making munitions. After the armistice it introduced an American assembled car, but production ceased after 12 months' work.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1—Self-possessed. | 41—Intended. | 10—Steep slopes |
| 4—Near the tail. | 43—A Chinese secret society | 11—Pronoun |
| 8—Possessive pronoun | 44—Apt | 15—Greek god of war |
| 10—A musical note | 45—Above | 17—A lizard |
| 12—A college degree (abbr.) | 47—Brazilian coin | 19—Fuss |
| 13—Combining form. | 48—Prefix. Through | 21—A number |
| 14—A military title (abbr.) | 49—Yes (German) | 23—Railroad (abbr.) |
| 15—Division of a play | 50—Flow of the waves | 24—Rings |
| 16—An American poet | 52—Greek goddess of the earth | 25—To affect |
| 18—N. Gen. State of U. S. (abbr.) | 53—Suffix. Like | 27—Forces in operation |
| 19—A constellation | 54—Pale | 30—To moderate |
| 20—A small bunch of grass | 55—The great plains of S. America | 31—Personal pronoun |
| 22—Arrangement | 56—To curve | 32—Toward the stern |
| 24—Prepared; equipped | VERTICAL | 34—Close by |
| 25—Character in Shakespeare's "Tempest" | 1—A piece or morsel of meat | 35—A household pet |
| 26—A negative | 2—Not concealed | 36—Prefix. Into |
| 28—An animal's muzzle | 3—Conjunction | 37—To run around |
| 31—Interjection | 4—Hypercritical | 38—Preposition |
| 33—Scents | 5—Around | 40—A lake in N. Russia |
| 34—An attempt | 6—Prefix. Two | 42—Tip of the crescent moon |
| | 7—A work animal | 43—A vegetable |
| | 8—A mineral-bearing vein | 44—A parent |
| | | 49—A month (abbr.) |
| | | 51—Exist |
| | | 54—Plural of "it" |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

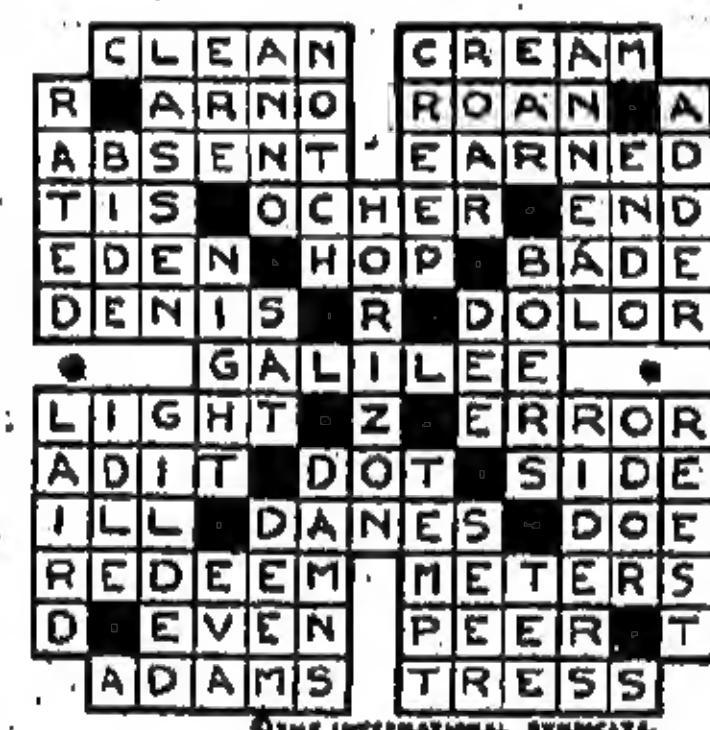
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

CLUB LIFE.

Amongst those who have recently taken up motoring there are many whose thoughts turn to joining a club. Club life is healthy, and nowadays it is a very small village that has not at least one club, whilst riders who live in large towns usually have the advantage of a choice.

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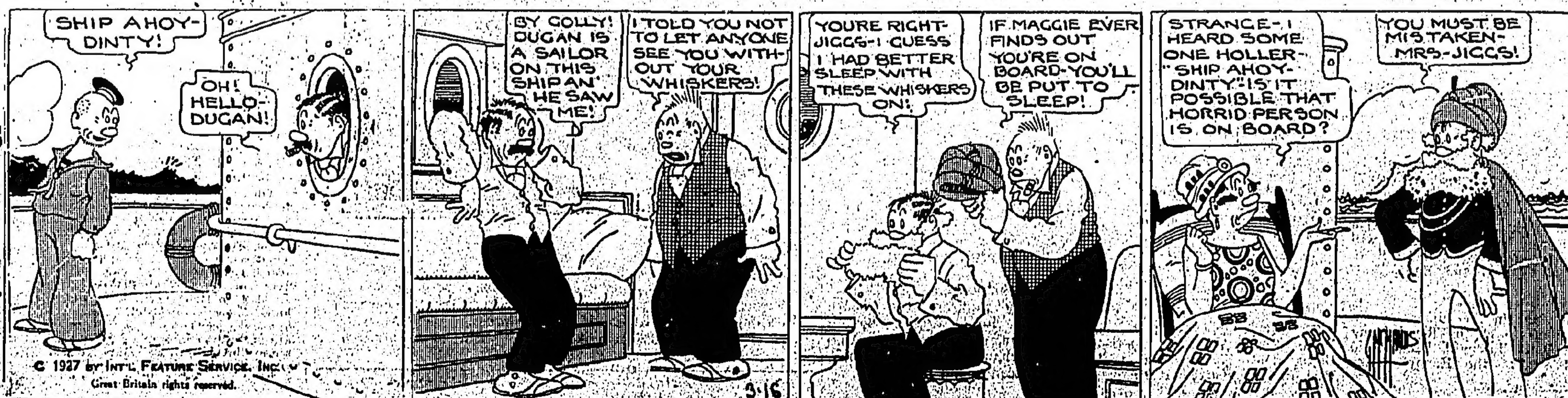
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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

Mrs. Martha Tyler has died in St. John's Hospital, Wandsworth, S.W., aged 105.

Colonel Martin, late Liberal member for the Romford Division of Essex, has joined the Conservative Party.

Owing to the difficulty of securing English coke a Tees-side firm of iron-masters have placed a contract with a German firm.

Italian schoolboys who are first in class are to be allowed to form part of the guards of honour at local war memorials on specified occasions.

The Government of Mauritius is to be asked to vote a sum in aid of the sufferers by the recent cyclone in the neighbouring island of Madagascar.

A packet containing 12 tubes of hypodermic tablets of morphine sulphate, which disappeared in York was found intact in the museum gardens.

Nearly 800 lawn tennis courts will be available to the public this year in 44 London County Council parks, of which 41 are provided with hard courts.

At the inquest on four persons poisoned by gas at Cobridge, Stoke-on-Trent, it was stated that the gas escaped from a main, broken by a mining subsidence.

An all-Canadian Labour Congress has been formed by a convention representing nearly all Canadian labour organisations without international affiliations.

Donations of £10,275 and new annual subscriptions of £259 were announced at the annual festival dinner of the Commercial Travellers' Benevolent Institution.

Chief Constable Wilson, of Cardiff, reporting against the introduction of women to deal with sex crimes, said girls and women more readily told a lie to a woman than to a man.

Burglars at Messrs. C. Packer and Co.'s jewellery shop in Regent Street, W., were apparently alarmed and left without taking anything, but it will cost £200 to repair the damage done by them.

Mr. John Buchan, the novelist, has accepted the invitation of the Scottish Universities' Unionist Association representatives to become Parliamentary candidate in the by-election caused by the death of Sir Henry Craik.

Mr. C. W. Hurcomb, principal assistant secretary of the Ministry of Transport, has been appointed permanent secretary in place of Mr. J. R. Brooke, who has been appointed secretary of the Central Electricity Board.

Among miniature books exhibited at the London Library, St. James's Square, S.W., for a few weeks is the smallest Italian book printed from movable type, being so tiny that it would not cover the surface of an average adult's thumb-nail.

While playing on the bank of a tributary of the river Roding, which separates Barking from East Ham, a boy found a parcel containing 23 watches, all of which were going.

Lord Plumer, High Commissioner in Palestine, christened an Imperial Airways liner "City of Jerusalem" and afterwards he and Lady Plumer went for a flight over Jerusalem.

At Lincoln when it was decided to wind up the Lincolnshire Co-operative Bacon factory, Sir Archibald Weigall, who presided, commented on the lack of support by farmers.

Mr. C. Stafford Crossman, who was called to the Bar in 1897, has been appointed Junior Equity Counsel to the Treasury and Board of Trade in place of the late Mr. Dighton Pollock.

For the improved service which the London Midland and Scottish Railway are arranging to Belfast via Heysham, Messrs. Denny Bros., of Dumbarton, are to build three new twin-screw geared turbine steamers.

Henry Morgan, the 14-years-old Wandsworth schoolboy who last July dived 50ft. into the river from Wandsworth Bridge and rescued a little boy from drowning, was presented with the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal and certificate.

Harrington Hall, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, which has associations with Lord Tennyson, and which was to have been sold in lots before demolition, was, a few minutes before the time for auction, purchased privately by Major W. H. Rawnsley, a Lincolnshire landowner.



Professor Henry Steenbock, of the University of Wisconsin, who has refused a \$2,000,000 offer for his patent rights in his process which will transfer life-sustaining ultra-violet rays into food in immense quantities. He has given the rights free to his University in order that the rights may be passed on to benefit all humanity. The process consists of segregating the elusive vitamin D and inserting it into ordinary foods. In addition to increasing the food values, the new process virtually insures against rickets.

A man aged between 50 and 60 jumped from Westminster Bridge into the Thames and was drowned.

A fairly severe earthquake occurred at Westport, New Zealand, but no damage has been reported.

Bristol magistrates for the first time granted cinemas permission to open on Good Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Baroness Elsa von Rosen, a Swedish subject, living in London, was fined £31 at Folkestone for smuggling silk articles.

A first edition of Fielding's novel "Joseph Andrews," two volumes, printed in 1742, realised £138 at Messrs. Sotheby's.

The first railway line constructed in France, that from Paris to St. Germain-en-Laye, was opened as a reconstructed electric railway.

The Estimates for the Government of Northern Ireland for the next financial year show a saving of £686,000 compared with the previous year.

Doris May Westcott, aged 14, of Cecil Street, Yeovil Somerset, was fatally burned through her frock becoming ignited by a candle in her bedroom.

Caerphilly, Glamorgan, Divisional Socialist Party have decided not to support Communist candidates in the forthcoming municipal elections.

At the funeral at Chertsey, Surrey, of Thomas Chennell, who collapsed and died when loading furniture, the coffin was borne to the grave in a furniture van.

Elsie Clark Porter, of Norfolk Square, Brighton, was fined £10 and had her licence suspended at Shoreham Petty Sessions for being drunk in charge of a motor-car.

While driving a motor-lorry laden with iron girders, Frederick Lemmon, of New Park Road, Salford, was crushed to death at Runcorn by the girders moving forward.

Hull Corporation receives regularly about £100 a week in fines on shopkeepers for Sunday trading according to the corporation abstract of accounts just published.

Sir Alfred Mond and some directors of the new chemical industries combine left Croydon by air liner for Brussels and Paris to attend international chemical industries' conferences.

Suicide while Temporarily Insane was the inquest verdict at Hambledon, Hampshire, on Mrs. Murray, wife of Dr. Percy Hope Murray, found drowned in a pond a mile from her home.

In view of pending discharges from the royal dockyards the Admiralty has agreed to consider an application for the immediate release on pension of established men nearing pensionable age.

QUEBEC DOG-SLED TEAM



The fifth Eastern International Dog-Sled Derby will be run as usual in Quebec, a city now world renowned for its sports. The race is run in laps of about 40 miles a day, and 120 miles is the usual total mileage. Many thousands of men, women and children view these races, and it is interesting to see how the huskies make supreme efforts to be lead team. The drivers accord the dogs every possible comfort and attention, and no cruelty to the dogs is allowed.

Incapacitated dogs must be taken on the sled and drawn back to the finish line.

The cash prizes raced for in the Quebec Dog Derby usually approximate \$2,000, but the mushers, or drivers, are invariably more proud of their teams than the money, for the dumb brutes appear to know what they are working for and it is amazing what superhuman strength they seem to put forth. Praise and the approval of their masters are sufficient for them.

Frank Dupuis, comparatively unknown North Shore musher who jumped into dog-racing fame last year by winning the Eastern International Dog-Sled Derby at Quebec, is to take part in this event again. He will drive for Alex. McKay & Co., Ltd., whose colours he carried to victory last year. Dupuis claims that he has a splendid team of dogs. Such well-known and famous mushers as Emile St. Goddard, Ontario Paper Co., "Shorty" Russick, driver for H. I. Sutton, of Chicago, Joe Dupuis, Frank Dupuis, V. Livigne, H. Chevrete, Walter Channing, of Boston, and P. J. Molloy, of Berlin, N.H., are numbered among those who will fight to a finish for the championship.

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The weekly share report of Messrs. Moxon and Taylor (brokers) reads:—

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To a great extent forced liquidation has ceased and the principal industrial stocks are being held in anticipation of higher prices.

There is a good demand for investment stocks and a considerable business was done in these, especially Banks and Unions.

The Shanghai market is quiet but with rather more interest being shown in cottons and docks for which there are buyers at quotations.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:—

Banks:—Are steady, business having been done at \$1,035, at which price there are still buyers.

Unions:—Came in for a strong demand at rising prices and sales took place at \$290/292. They close firm with buyers at the former price but sellers inclined to hold out for rather more.

Steamboats:—Are firm with buyers at \$22.

Waterbushes:—Came to business at \$15, and are still wanted at \$14 1/2.

Star Ferries:—Have buyers at \$52.

China Sugars:—Have been dealt in at \$19, and are still in great demand at this price.

Benguet:—Continue firm with buyers at \$170.

Hong Kong Lands:—Have eased off and now have sellers at \$53.

Hong Kong Trans:—Are quiet but steady with buyers but no sellers at \$20 1/2.

China Lights, Combined:—Still have buyers at \$12.

Electric:—Are rather firmer with buyers at \$62.

London Quotations of April 27:—Banks \$114; Indos Deferred 24; Shells 24 1/2. 6d., all middle prices.

Exchange:—The demand rate on London is 2/ 3/16 and the T. T. on Shanghai is 1/5. 79 1/2.

Dividends:—The Canton Insurance Office Ltd. have declared a final dividend of \$22 for 1926 and an interim of \$18 a/c 1926. The Union Insurance Society of Canton have declared a final dividend of 21/- for 1926 and an interim of 24/- a/c 1926.

Next Settlement Day is Thursday, May 24.

NOTICE.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

SUBJECT to weather conditions, it is hoped to play the FINAL of the OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP on THURSDAY, 5th May. FINAL of the OPEN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP on FRIDAY, 6th May. Prizes won during the tournament will be presented after the latter match.

BOOKING of RESERVED SEATS at the PAVILION at REDUCED PRICES by MEMBERS & SUBSCRIBERS will cease at 8 p.m. on MONDAY, 2nd May.

Booking will open at Messrs. MOUTRIE & CO. on TUESDAY, 3rd May.

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TUESDAY, MAY	3	
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Swatow	5 p.m.	Hangsang.
WEDNESDAY, MAY	4	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 1st June. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Hector.
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	Noon	Hai Ching.
Holhow & Haiphong	10.30 p.m.	Ten.
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FRIDAY, MAY	6	
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1. This beach will be open for the use of the General Public from Sunday, May 1, inclusive.

2. A fee of 5 cents per person will be charged.

Note:—Stonecutters Beach will not be available for the use of the General Public, as it is being reserved for the Military and Naval Authorities, to accommodate the increased number of men now stationed in Hong Kong.

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